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## FEDERAL REGISTRATION AND PROVINCIAL CLASSIFICATION

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1. **Full Registration**

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**This issue of Publication 296 contains crop production information for both 1991 and 1992. Be sure to keep it for these two years. For 1992, a supplement updating variety and pesticide recommendations will be issued.**

# SOILS MANAGEMENT AND FERTILIZER USE

Ontario currently uses about 1,000,000 tonnes of fertilizers annually. High yields can be produced efficiently only when fertilizer use is related to the fertility level of the soil and to other additions of nutrients in manure, crop residues, etc. At one extreme, on very low fertility soils, it is occasionally profitable to add as much or more nitrogen, phosphorus, or potassium in the fertilizer as a crop removes. At the other extreme, on high fertility soils or following heavy application of manures, fertilizer may not be profitable and occasionally may reduce yields.

## SOIL TESTING

### Why Soil Test?

Soil tests accredited by OMAF are the most accurate tool available to Ontario farmers to determine the amounts of phosphorus, potassium and magnesium fertilizers and lime which should be applied for crop production.

### Other Methods of Assessing Nutrient Needs

1. Plant analysis is the main tool used for tree fruits and can serve as additional information supporting the soil test for field and vegetable crops.
2. Nutrient deficiency symptoms on crop leaves are helpful in some cases but have serious drawbacks in others, particularly with potassium and phosphorus.
3. It is occasionally suggested that a farmer apply the amounts of nutrients removed by the crop. This has some application for nitrogen, as with some crops the suggested rate approximates what the plant removes. It has little relevance for other nutrients in Ontario. Some of our clay and clay loam soils have sufficient potassium to last many years and application of potassium each year on those soils is a waste of money and ignores one of the few advantages which clay soils have over coarser-textured soils.

The OMAF accredited soil testing program is the main guide along with help from plant analysis and nutrient deficiency symptoms to determine your fertilizer requirements for a specific crop on a specific field.

### What does the OMAF Accredited Soil Testing Program Provide for the Farmer?

The OMAF accredited soil testing program provides recommendations for nitrogen, phosphate, potash and magnesium fertilizer along with recommendations for the amount and type of lime you should apply. The OMAF recommended fertilizer rates are provided in this publication. They are designed to produce highest economic yields when accompanied by good or above average management. Research shows that higher rates will occasionally produce higher yields but that these increases in yield are likely to be small and not profitable. Some fertilizer is recommended at soil test levels slightly above those where crop response is profitable. This is done to maintain high soil nutrient levels, and to allow for some error in sampling the field. For high value crops such as tobacco, the maximum profit we aim for will require essentially the same amount of fertilizer as maximum crop value (maximum yield with high quality). For low value crops there may on occasion be a slight yield response to rates of fertilizer above those recommended for maximum profit. However, trials on farm fields with corn have shown no yield response to rates of fertilizer above those recommended by soil test. Further assistance in interpreting soil test reports is available from the County and District agricultural offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

### Soil Tests from Other Laboratories

Each year a number of farmers ask OMAF staff to interpret results from laboratories that are not accredited. Provided the other laboratory uses the identical tests used for the OMAF accredited service and expresses their test results in the same units, the OMAF fertilizer requirements for phosphate and potash can be determined.

**Only OMAF accredited soil tests can be relied on to provide accurate fertilizer recommendations.** Be certain that the service you are using is accredited. To be accredited, a laboratory must use OMAF approved testing procedures, must demonstrate acceptable analytical precision and accuracy and provide the OMAF fertilizer recommendations.

A number of laboratories provide soil tests such as exchange capacity, aluminum and copper not accredited by OMAF. These are not accredited by OMAF because they have not been found to contribute to better fertilizer recommendations. Research has shown that on Ontario soils use of exchange capacity to adjust potash recommendations can lead to less reliable recommendations than are now provided.

### Soil Sampling

Soils may be sampled with a sampling tube or with a shovel. Each field, or uniform section of a field should be sampled separately. At least 20 soil cores 15 cm deep should be taken from any field or area sampled up to 5 ha in size. For fields larger than 5 ha, proportionately more cores should be taken. The more cores taken the more likely the soil sample is to provide a reliable measure of the fertility in the field. One sample should not represent more than 10 hectares.

The soil can be collected in a clean pail, the lumps should be broken, the soil mixed well and a soil sample box forwarded for testing. The area sampled should be traversed in a zigzag pattern to provide a uniform distribution of sampling sites. Parts of a field that differ in appearance of soil or crop, in previous fertilization, manuring or liming should be sampled separately, even if they are too small to fertilize separately. Avoid sampling recent fertilizer bands, dead furrows, areas adjacent to gravel roads or where lime, manure, compost or crop residues have been piled.

**Table 1. OMAF Accredited Soil Tests***

| Materials Analyzed | What is Analyzed[1] |
|---|---|
| 1. Soils for Field, Home Garden, Lawns, Commercial Turf etc. | Plant-available Phosphorus, Potassium, Magnesium, Manganese and Zinc; pH; Lime requirement |
| 2. Greenhouse Media | Plant-available Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium; pH; Total Salts |
| 3. Nutrient Solutions, Water | Plant-available Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium; pH; Total Salts; Sulphates; Chlorides |

**Consult your local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for a list of accredited laboratories and their prices.*

[1]*Soil organic matter can be useful for herbicide recommendations but is not an accredited test.*

## When to Sample

Each field should be sampled once every two or three years. Potash levels can change quickly where large amounts of nutrients are removed from sandy soils (for example with crops such as alfalfa hay, corn silage, potatoes or tomatoes) and manure is not returned. Under these conditions samples should be taken each year.

To allow time for mailing and analysis, soil samples from fields to be fertilized for spring seeding crops should be taken the previous fall. Because of the rush of harvest and the frequency of poor weather late in the fall, summer may be a more convenient time to sample for some farmers. Soil samples from fields to be fertilized for fall wheat, or from hay and pasture fields to be fertilized in late summer, should be taken in the spring or early summer.

## Sample Boxes and Information Sheets

Soil sample boxes and information sheets, a list of accredited laboratories, and information on the cost of various tests may be obtained from any local office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Management practices which affect a soil test recommendation are: manure application, legume sod plowed down, and the crop to be fertilized. This information is essential for a reliable fertilizer recommendation, and should be recorded on the field information sheet which must accompany the soil sample sent in for analysis.

## Micronutrient Tests

OMAF accredited tests are available for manganese and zinc. In the case of zinc on corn the soil test is best used in conjunction with visual deficiency symptoms. With manganese, plant analysis, visual symptoms and the soil test are all useful. OMAF accredited tests are not available for boron, copper, iron, or molybdenum.

**Contamination** Great care is required to prevent contamination of soil samples with micronutrients, particularly zinc. Do not use galvanized (zinc plated) soil sampling tubes to take soil samples for micronutrient tests. Do not use metal containers to collect and mix samples. Clean plastic containers in good condition should be satisfactory. Soil samples which have contacted galvanized surfaces are unsatisfactory for zinc soil tests. Be careful to keep dust around buildings etc. out of the samples.

**Soil Sampling** Micronutrient deficiencies frequently occur in small patches in fields. In these cases soil or plant analysis taken from the entire field are unlikely to find the problem. Sample problem areas separately.

**Preventing and Correcting Manganese Deficiency** Manganese is less available at high soil pH so it is important not to add more lime than is needed to correct soil acidity. For materials and rates to correct a deficiency, consult the cereals or soybeans sections under *Micronutrients.*

**Table 2. Manganese Soil Test Interpretation**

| Manganese Soil Test[1] | Suggested Treatments |
|---|---|
| greater than 30 | Soil manganese availability is adequate for field grown crops. |
| 16 to 30 | Soil manganese availability is adequate for many crops but is approaching deficiency levels for oats, barley, wheat and soybeans. If deficiency symptoms appear, spray with manganese. Consider a re-check for deficiency using plant analysis. |
| below 16 | Soil manganese availability is believed to be insufficient for oats, barley, wheat and soybeans. Spray with manganese at the four-leaf stage and again three weeks later if required. Manganese deficiency has not been diagnosed on corn in Ontario, even on soils which are very deficient for wheat. |

[1]*These values are indices of manganese availability based on extractable soil manganese and soil pH.*

**Preventing and Correcting Zinc Deficiency** Corn is the main crop showing zinc deficiency in Ontario. High phosphorus in the soil and/or in the fertilizer can cause or increase the severity of zinc deficiency. **Apply only the recommended amount of phosphorus.** Use of animal manures can prevent or reduce zinc deficiency. Erosion control can prevent deficiency of zinc by maintaining the topsoil.

Zinc deficiency can be prevented by application of zinc fertilizer to the soil. Foliar sprays can be useful to correct a deficiency after the symptoms have appeared provided this is done early in the growing season. For materials and rates to correct a deficiency, consult the corn section under *Micronutrients.*

**Table 3. Zinc Soil Test Interpretation**

| Zinc Soil Test[1] | Suggested Treatments |
|---|---|
| greater than 200 | You should suspect contamination of the sample or of the field. |
| 25 to 200 | Soil zinc availability is adequate for most field grown crops. |
| 15 to 25 | Zinc availability is adequate for most field crops but is bordering on deficiency for corn. If the field sampled is uneven in soil texture, pH, or erosion, some areas may respond to zinc applications. Deficiency symptoms at the 4 to 6 leaf stage are a reliable indication of zinc deficiency (see OMAF Factsheet 100/531). |
| less than 15 | Zinc is likely to be deficient for corn and should be applied in the fertilizer. |

[1]*These values are indices of zinc availability based on extractable soil zinc and soil pH.*

**Copper** soil tests are quite unreliable on Ontario soils but plant analysis is useful. Copper is unlikely to be deficient on mineral soil except perhaps on very sandy soils. Copper deficiency does occur on organic soils and is best diagnosed by plant analysis. When organic soils are first brought into cultivation, copper should be applied to the soil at 14 kg copper/ha for each of the first three years.

**Boron** is required on some soils for alfalfa. Boron deficiency usually occurs in dry weather so that response is erratic. Thus it has not been possible to develop a reliable soil test. Plant analysis is useful as a predicter of boron requirements as are visual symptoms on the plants. For rates of boron to correct a deficiency, consult the forages section under *Micronutrients.*

Boron deficiency has not been diagnosed on cereals, peas and beans in Ontario and boron applications to these crops, or applied to other crops in the year preceding them, can be toxic. **Boron should not be banded.**

**Iron** and **Molybdenum** have not been found to be deficient in field crops in Ontario.

# FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

## Changes in Crop or Management

Fertilizer requirements on the OMAF soil test report are for specific crop and management. If the crop management is changed in regard to legumes plowed down or manure applied, the adjustments in fertilizer requirements may be made using the manure and legume sod adjustments in Tables 4 and 5. If the crop is changed from that for which the recommendation was made, a new recommendation can be obtained by looking up the appropriate table under the specific crop section in this publication.

## Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizer recommendations for field crops are, therefore, based on estimated crop requirements and in some cases the region of the province. Rates are adjusted downward if manure is applied, or if the previous crop contains perennial legumes such as alfalfa.

To protect crop quality and avoid surface and groundwater pollution, the combined application of fertilizer, manure, sewage sludge and other sources of nitrogen should not supply plant-available nitrogen in excess of the crop's requirement.

## Adjustment for Legumes Plowed Down

When sod containing perennial legumes such as alfalfa, trefoil and clover are plowed under, they supply an appreciable amount of nitrogen to the following crop. The accompanying table shows reductions which should be made in nitrogen fertilizer applications to crops following sod containing legumes.

**Table 4. Adjustment of Nitrogen Requirement Where Crops Containing Legumes are Plowed Down**

| Type of Crop | For all Crops Deduct from N Requirement kg N/ha |
|---|---|
| Less than 1/3 legume | 0 |
| 1/3 to 1/2 legume | 55 |
| 1/2 or more legume | 110 |
| Perennial legumes seeded and plowed in the same year. | 45[1] |
| Soybean and field bean residue | 0 |

[1]*Applies where the legume stand is thick and over 40 cm high.*

## Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash recommendations are based on Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food accredited soil tests.

The requirements of these nutrients are presented in this publication in tables found in the Fertilizer Section for each crop. These tables should be used only with OMAF accredited soil tests.

Where a soil test is not available, a rough estimate of requirements can be obtained from these tables using the following guidelines:

a. Where the field has been fertilized regularly for a number of years or heavily in recent years, use one of the rates of phosphate and potash recommended for the MEDIUM soil test rating.

b. If the field has received little fertilizer in the past, use one of the rates recommended for a LOW soil test rating.

Soils testing excessive (E) for phosphorus contain much more plant available phosphorus than required for most crops. Phosphorus fertilizers, compost, manure, sewage sludge or other sources of phosphorus should not be applied to these soils because of the increased risk of water pollution.

Some clay and clay loam soils are naturally high in potassium and do not require any potash fertilizers. Only a soil test can adequately determine potash requirements.

### Magnesium

Magnesium is a plant nutrient which is naturally plentiful in many Ontario soils. Soils with magnesium soil tests below 20 (OMAF soil test) require magnesium application for production of most crops. Very few Ontario soils have magnesium tests below 20. If the soil pH is below 6.0, the most effective and inexpensive means of supplying magnesium is by application of dolomitic lime. If the pH is above 6.0, and the soil test 20 or below, magnesium can be supplied by either magnesium sulfate or sulfate of potash magnesia, which is a mixture of sulfate of potash and magnesium sulfate. Apply 30 kg/ha of actual soluble magnesium. These latter sources of magnesium are usually quite expensive compared to supplying magnesium from dolomitic limestone.

Potassium competes with magnesium for uptake by crops, and potash applications can therefore induce or increase magnesium deficiency. For this reason it is important to monitor soil potassium levels and to carefully control potash fertilizer applications on low magnesium soils.

Crops grown on a number of Ontario soils are low in magnesium to an extent that livestock health is affected although the crops themselves do not suffer from magnesium deficiency. In these situations it is usually much less costly to add magnesium to the animal's diet than to add it to the soil. Soil potassium should be closely monitored, however, and potash applications restricted to requirements as measured by soil test.

## PLANT ANALYSIS

Plant analysis measures the nutrient content of plant tissue. Comparing the results against the "normal" and "critical" values for the crop can indicate whether nutrient supply is adequate for optimum growth.

Plant analysis is a useful supplement to soil testing for evaluation of the fertility status of crops. It is quite independent of soil testing and can provide a valuable "second opinion", especially for phosphorus, potassium, magnesium and manganese. For nitrogen and zinc it has not been very reliable. For boron and copper there is not a reliable soil test, so plant analysis and visual symptoms are the methods used for diagnosing deficiencies.

Plant analysis has limitations. Expert help in interpreting the results is often needed since plant analysis does not usually indicate the cause of a deficiency or the amount of fertilizer required to correct it.

### Sampling

Time of sampling has a major effect on the results since nutrient levels within a plant vary considerably with the age of the plant. Results are difficult to interpret if samples are taken at times other than those recommended. Nevertheless, plants suspected of being nutrient deficient should be sampled as soon as a problem appears. Samples are best taken from a problem area rather than from the entire field.

Samples for plant analysis should be taken from at least 20 plants distributed throughout the area chosen for sampling. Each sample should consist of at least 100 grams of fresh material. Problem areas should be sampled separately. When taking samples for plant analysis take care not to contaminate the sample with soil. Even a small amount of soil will cause the results to be invalid, especially for micronutrients.

### Sample Preparation

Samples of fresh plant material should be delivered directly to the laboratory. If they are not delivered immediately they should be dried to prevent spoilage. Samples may be dried in an oven at 65°C or less or dried in the sun provided precautions are taken to prevent contamination with dust or soil. Avoid contact of samples with galvanized (zinc coated) metal, brass or copper.

Plant analyses may be obtained from several laboratories in Ontario.

## MANURE

Manure can supply organic matter and an appreciable part of the nutrients required for production of crops. Excessive rates of manure that supply more nutrients than the crop needs should be avoided.

### Manure Storage

For maximum conservation of plant nutrients manure should be stored in a way that saves the liquid portion and allows as little exposure to the air as practicable.

At the present time, there is no Ontario research available to support nutrient benefit or odor control claims made for manure additives or inoculants.

### Where to Use Manure

Manure is used most effectively when applied for crops that require nitrogen and on soils that require phosphorus and potassium. Manure should not be supplied at rates supplying more nitrogen than the crop requires. Corn and grass hay or pastures have higher nitrogen requirements than many other crops and therefore respond more to nitrogen in manure. Legumes such as alfalfa, trefoil and soybeans do not make efficient use of the nitrogen in the manure.

### Manure on Perennial Legumes

Do not apply manure to perennial legumes such as alfalfa and trefoil when there is snow cover because ice frequently forms under the manure and can kill the plants. If manure must be applied to perennial legumes it should be applied to the thinnest or oldest stands, preferably after the first cutting.

### Manure on Cereals

Manure or other sources of nitrogen applied to cereals at rates supplying more nitrogen than the crop requires can cause lodging and should be avoided.

### Manure on Grass Sod

Manure is an effective source of nutrients for grass sod.

**Table 5. Reductions in Fertilizer Application where Manure is Applied in the Same Crop Year[1]**

| Class of Livestock | Nitrogen (kg/ha) | | | Phosphate $P_2O_5$ (kg/ha) | Potash $K_2O$ (kg/ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | F.&W.[2] | Spr.[2] | Spr. C[2] | | |
| Liquid Manure at 10 cubic metre/hectare (900 gal./acre) | | | | | |
| Cattle, Mixed Livestock | 5 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Swine | 8 | 15 | 19 | 7 | 14 |
| Poultry | 23 | 46 | 58 | 22 | 26 |
| Solid Manure at 10 tonnes/hectare (4.5 tons/acre)[3] | | | | | |
| Cattle, Mixed Livestock | 12 | 24 | 30 | 10 | 44 |
| Swine | 15 | 30 | 38 | 20 | 26 |
| Poultry | 70 | 140 | 175 | 75 | 96 |

[1]*Laboratory analysis of the manure will indicate more accurately the amounts of nutrients available for crop production.*

[2]*F.&W. denotes fall and winter applied manure; Spr. denotes spring applied and not covered immediately, including surface application after seeding; Spr. C. denotes spring applied manure injected or otherwise covered within one day of application.*

[3]*The density of manure in the spreader will vary from 400 kg/m³ (25 lb/ft³) for heavily bedded or very dry manure to 1000 kg/m³ (62 lb/ft³) for semi-solid or liquid manures.*

However, where manure is to be applied in late spring or summer some nitrogen fertilizer should be applied early in the spring.

## Manure on Leaves

Avoid application of liquid manure to crop foliage as it can damage the crop. On perennial forages application to the foliage cannot be avoided but applications early in the spring or immediately after haying are preferred.

## Short-Term Value of Manure

The nutrient control of manure can be measured accurately only by laboratory analysis. Table 5 estimates the quantities of nutrients in manure applied in the year that the crop is grown. These values assume, for manure applied in the spring and not immediately covered with soil, that 50% of the nitrogen (75% for poultry manure), 40% of the phosphate and 90% of the potash are as available in the year of application as the nutrients in manufactured fertilizer. Thus the application of fertilizer nitrogen, phosphate and potash should be reduced accordingly.

## Long-Term Value of Manure

The long-term availability of phosphorus, potassium or magnesium from manure applications in previous years is best measured by a soil test. Some of the nitrogen in manures also continues to become available in the years following application but in successively smaller quantities. Generally, 50 percent of the total manure nitrogen (75% for poultry manure) applied in the spring is available (as available as nitrogen in chemical fertilizer) in the year of application. In the second year approximately 10 percent of the remaining nitrogen becomes available, 5 percent in the third year and 2 percent in the fourth year. Thus if 20 tonnes of cattle manure per hectare were applied, the amount of nitrogen available in the first year would be 48 kg N/ha (Table 5). This is approximately one half of the total nitrogen content. The amounts of available nitrogen in years 2, 3 and 4 would be 5, 2 and 1 kg N/ha, respectively. For example, if 20 tonnes of cattle manure were applied each year for four years, the total available nitrogen from the manure in the fourth year would be 48 + 5 + 2 + 1 = 56 kg N/ha.

Manure also contributes micronutrients and organic matter to the soil which can be a significant benefit.

## Time and Method of Application

For most effective use of the nitrogen in manure it should be applied in the spring and covered with soil the same day to prevent loss of ammonia. Immediate covering with soil is estimated to provide 25% more nitrogen to the crop than where the same manure is not covered immediately. Most of the nitrogen loss to the air occurs within the first week after application. Injection of manure between corn rows after seeding, but before the corn is 30 cm high, is one way of preventing nitrogen loss and minimizing the potential for pollution of adjacent streams with phosphate from surface runoff. However phosphate applied after a crop is seeded may not be available to that crop. Phosphate fertilizer requirements should therefore not be adjusted for manure applied after seeding.

Where the manure is applied in the fall more nitrogen is lost (to the air and by leaching) than when applied in spring. The nitrogen adjustments should be 50% lower for fall-applied manure than for spring-applied manure which is not immediately covered (see table). Phosphate and potash are believed to be equally available from fall- and spring-applied manure.

If manure must be spread in the winter, nitrogen adjustments should be the same as for fall-applied. **Do not spread manure in winter or early spring on fields that are subject to runoff.**

If ponding occurs during spreading of liquid manure the rate of application is excessive.

### Manure Density in Spreader

The amount of manure applied depends on the volume of the spreader, spreading width, distance travelled and manure density in the spreader. The density for heavily bedded or very dry manure is approximately 400 kg/m$^3$ (25 lb/ft$^3$) while that for semi-solid or liquid manure is 1000 kg/m$^3$ (62 lb/ft$^3$). Thus, depending on bedding and water content, the density of manure in a spreader will vary between these values.

### Manure Analysis

The nutient content of manure varies not only with the type of livestock but with their ages, the ration fed, the type of bedding or amount of water added and the method of storing the manure. Chemical analyses will indicate more accurately than this publication the amount of nutrients available for crop production from the particular manure you intend to use, provided a representative sample can be obtained. For liquid manure, proper sampling requires that the tank contents be well mixed before a sample is taken. For solid manure, a representative sample can be obtained by taking forkfuls from different places on the stack (not only from surface), mixing well and then taking a sample (about 1-2 kg) for submission to a laboratory. A manure analysis may be obtained from several laboratories in Ontario.

## SEWAGE SLUDGE

Sewage sludge is a useful source of nitrogen, phosphorus and organic matter, provided it is low in heavy metals and applied under approved conditions. Consult OMAF Factsheet, *How and Where to Use Sewage Sludge in Crop Production*, Agdex 100/541.

## SOIL ACIDITY AND LIMING

The pH scale ranging from 0 to 14 is used to indicate acidity and alkalinity. A pH value of 7.0 is neutral; values below 7.0 are acid and those above 7.0 are alkaline. Most field crops grow well in a soil pH range from 6.0 to 8.0.

To correct soil acidity ground limestone should be broadcast and worked into the soil at rates determined by soil test. Table 6 shows the pH values below which lime is recommended and the target soil pH to which soils should be limed, for different crops. In Ontario most crops grow quite well at pH values higher than the target pH to which lime is recommended.

### The Buffer pH

Different soils with any one soil pH value, say 5.2, will require different amounts of lime to bring the pH to a particular desired level, say 6.0, depending chiefly on the clay and organic matter content of each soil. The soil pH is used to determine which soils need to be limed but a separate soil test, the buffer pH, is run on soils needing lime to determine the amount of lime required. For soils needing lime (based on soil pH) Table 7 may be used to determine the amount of lime required to reach different "target" soil pH values required for different crops.

### Limestone Quality

Calcitic limestone consists largely of calcium carbonate, and dolomitic limestone is a mixture of both calcium and magnesium carbonates. Dolomitic limestone should be used on soils with a magnesium soil test of 100 or less as it is an excellent and inexpensive source of magnesium for acid soils. On soils with magnesium tests greater than 100, calcitic or dolomitic limestone may be used.

**Table 6. Soil pH at Which Lime is Recommended for Ontario Field Crops**

| Crops | Soil pH Below Which Lime is Recommended | Target Soil pH* |
|---|---|---|
| Coarse and Medium Textured Mineral Soils (sand, sandy loams, loams and silt loams) | | |
| Perennial legumes, oats, barley, wheat, triticale, beans, peas, canola, flax | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| Corn, soybeans, rye, grass, hay, pasture and tobacco | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| Fine Textured Mineral Soils (clays and clay loams) | | |
| Alfalfa | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| Other perennial legumes, oats, barley, wheat, triticale, soybeans, beans, peas, canola, flax | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| Corn, rye, grass, hay, pasture and tobacco | 5.1 | 5.5 |
| Organic soils (peats and mucks) | | |
| All field crops | 5.1 | 5.5 |

**Where a crop is grown in rotation with other crops requiring a higher pH (for example corn in rotation with wheat or alfalfa) it is recommended that the soil be limed to the higher pH.*

Two main factors affect the value of limestone for soil application. One of these is the amount of acid a given quantity of limestone will neutralize when it is totally dissolved. This is called the "neutralizing value" and is expressed as a percentage of the neutralizing value of pure calcium carbonate. A limestone which will neutralize 90% as much acid as pure calcium carbonate is said to have a neutralizing value of 90. In general, the higher the calcium and magnesium content of a limestone, the higher the neutralizing value.

The second factor which affects the value of limestone as a neutralizer of acidity is the particle size. Limestone rock has much less surface area to react with acid soil than finely powdered limestone and, hence, it neutralizes acidity much more slowly; so slowly that it is of little value. The calculation of a fineness rating for ground limestone is illustrated in Table 8.

**Table 7. Lime Requirements to Correct Soil Acidity Based on Soil pH and Soil Buffer pH.**

| Buffer pH | Target soil pH = 6.5 (Lime if soil pH below 6.1) | Target soil pH = 6.0 (Lime if soil pH below 5.6) | Target soil pH = 5.5 (Lime if soil pH below 5.1) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ground limestone required - t/ha (Based on an Agricultural Index of 75) | | | |
| 7.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.9 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.7 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 6.6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6.5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6.4 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 6.3 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 6.2 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 6.1 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 6.0 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 5.9 | 10 | 7 | 4 |
| 5.8 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| 5.7 | 13 | 8 | 5 |
| 5.6 | 15 | 11 | 6 |
| 5.5 | 17 | 12 | 8 |
| 5.4 | 19 | 14 | 9 |
| 5.3 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| 5.2 | 20 | 17 | 11 |
| 5.1 | 20 | 19 | 13 |
| 5.0 | 20 | 20 | 15 |
| 4.9 | 20 | 20 | 16 |
| 4.8 | 20 | 20 | 18 |
| 4.7 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 4.6 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

**Table 8. Example Calculation of the Fineness Rating of a Limestone**

| Particle Size | % of Sample | Effectiveness Factor | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Coarser than no. 10 sieve[1] | 10 | × 0 = | 0 |
| no. 10 to no. 60 sieve | 40 | × 0.4 = | 16 |
| Passing through no. 60 sieve | 50 | × 1.0 = | 50 |
| Fineness Rating | | = | 66 |

[1]*A no. 10 Tyler sieve has wires spaced 2.0 mm, and a no. 60 Tyler sieve has wires spaced 0.25 mm apart.*

## The Agricultural Index

Some means of combining the Neutralizing Value and the Fineness Rating is needed to compare various limestones that are available. The index which has been developed in Ontario to do this is called the "Agricultural Index."

$$\text{The Agricultural Index} = \frac{\text{neutralizing value} \times \text{fineness rating}}{100}$$

The Agricultural Index can be used to compare the relative value of different limestones for neutralization of soil acidity. Lime with a high Agricultural Index is worth proportionately more than lime with a low index because it may be applied at a lower rate. If two ground limestones, A and B, have Agricultural Indices of 50 and 80 respectively, the rate of application of limestone A required for a particular soil will be 80/50 × the rate required for limestone B. Limestone A spread on your farm is worth 50/80 × the price of limestone B per tonne.

Recommendations from the OMAF soil test service are based on limestone with an Agricultural Index of 75. If you know the Agricultural Index, you can calculate a rate of application specifically for limestone of that quality. This can be done using the following equation:

$$\text{Limestone application rate from soil test} \times \frac{75}{\text{Agr. Index of your limestone}} = \text{rate of application of your limestone}$$

For example, if you have a limestone requirement by soil test of 9 t/ha, and your most suitable source of limestone from a quality and price standpoint has an Agricultural Index of 90, you should apply 75/90 × 9 = 7.5 t/ha.

*The Agricultural Index does not provide information about magnesium content. Dolomitic limestone should be used on soils low in magnesium.*

### Liquid Lime

"Liquid lime" is advertised and occasionally sold in Ontario often at very high costs in relation to the neutralizing value. This is very fine ground limestone suspended in water. It is equivalent to finely ground dry lime in availability and would have a "fineness" rating of 100. When diluted with water the neutralizing value will be low per unit of weight, resulting in the need for high rates of application. Note that in the fineness rating lime passing through a 60 mesh screen is considered to be 100% effective. Limestone ground finer than this is not considered to be any more effective.

### Tillage Depth

Lime recommendations presented here should raise the pH of the top 15 cm of a soil to the listed target pH. If the soil is ploughed to a lesser or greater depth than 15 cm proportionately more or less lime is required to reach the same target pH. Where reduced tillage depths are used, rates of application should be reduced proportionately. More frequent liming will be needed.

### Lowering Soil pH

On soils with pH values below 7.0 it is possible to lower the pH (make the soil more acid) by adding sulfur or ammonium sulfate, but this is not advisable for most crops as it only hastens the time when lime will be required. If the soil pH is above 7.0 it is not advisable and also usually quite impractical to lower the soil pH because of the very large amounts of sulfur or ammonium sulfate required.

## FERTILIZER MATERIALS

Nitrogen fertilizer materials are available in dry or liquid forms. Although there are some limitations to use of these materials (see section, *Toxicity of Fertilizer Materials*), in most cases the different sources will produce equal yields. The farmer's choice of material should therefore depend on availability, equipment for handling, and cost per kilogram of nitrogen, plus the cost of application.

A farmer should first calculate the cost per kilogram of nitrogen for various sources delivered to his farm. Depending on the rate of application, the cost per hectare can be determined. Add to this the cost of application per hectare before deciding which nitrogen source to use.

Where separate additions of nitrogen are referred to in the recommendations, kilograms of elemental nitrogen (N), not kilograms of materials, are used. The following tables show the percentage of fertilizer nutrient contained in different materials.

Various fertilizer companies have available, in addition to the micronutrient sources listed in Table 10, premixes containing one or more micronutrients.

Individual Factsheets are available on some of these micronutrients. For a list of these see Publications section.

**Table 9. Fertilizer Materials – Primary Nutrients**

| Nitrogen Materials | Form | % Nitrogen (N) |
|---|---|---|
| Ammonium nitrate | Dry | 30 to 34 |
| Urea | Dry | 45 to 46 |
| Ammonium sulfate | Dry | 20 |
| Aqua ammonia | Liquid[1] | 20 |
| Ammonium nitrate-urea | Liquid | 28 |
| Ammonium nitrate-urea | Liquid | 32 |
| Ammonia ammonium nitrate-urea | Liquid[1] | 41 |
| Ammonia-ammonium nitrate | Liquid[1] | 41 |
| Anhydrous ammonia | Liquid[1] | 82 |
| **Phosphate Materials** | | **% Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)** |
| Single superphosphate | | 20 |
| Triple superphosphate | | 44 to 46 |
| Monoammonium phosphate | | 48 to 52 |
| Diammonium phosphate (18-46-0) | | 46 |
| **Potash Materials** | | **% Potash ($K_2O$)** |
| Muriate of potash | | 60 to 62 |
| Sulfate of potash | | 50 |
| Sulfate of potash magnesia (11% Mg) | | 22 |
| Potassium nitrate (13-0-44) | | 44 |

[1]*Liquid under pressure.*

**Table 10. Fertilizer Materials – Secondary and Micronutrients**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Magnesium (Mg)** | |
| Dolomitic Limestone | 6-13% Mg |
| Epsom Salts (Magnesium sulfate) | 10.5% Mg |
| Sulfate of Potash Magnesia | 11% Mg |
| **Boron (B)** | |
| Sodium Borate | 12-21% B |
| **Copper (Cu)** | |
| Copper Sulfate | 13-25% Cu |
| Copper Chelates | 5-13% Cu |
| **Manganese (Mn)** | |
| Manganese Sulfate | 26-28% Mn |
| **Molybdenum (Mo)** | |
| Sodium Molybdate | 39% Mo |
| **Zinc (Zn)** | |
| Zinc Sulfate | 36% Zn |
| Zinc Chelates | 7-14% Zn |
| Zinc Oxysulfate | 18-36% Zn |

## SOLUBLE SALTS IN FARM SOILS

High concentrations of water soluble salts in soils can prevent or delay germination of seeds and can kill established plants or seriously retard their growth.

Ontario soils are naturally low in soluble salts. Soluble salts therefore rarely cause a problem in crop production and are not routinely measured in soil tests.

Soluble salts in soils can result from excessive applications of fertilizers and manures, runoff of salts applied to roads, and chemical spills on farm land. High concentrations of soluble salts in or near a fertilizer band can cause serious temporary problems, affecting seed germination and/or early plant growth without seriously affecting the salt concentrations in the remainder of the soil. A given amount of salt in a soil provides a higher salt concentration in soil water if the amount of water is small. Soluble salts also interfere with the uptake of water by plants. For these reasons plant growth is most affected by soluble salts in periods of low moisture supply (during drought periods).

Soluble salts can be measured readily in the laboratory by measuring the electrical conductivity of a soil water slurry. The higher the concentration of water soluble salts, the higher the conductivity. The following table provides an interpretation of soil conductivity readings as read in Ontario field soils in a 2:1 water: soil paste, the procedure used by the OMAF accredited soil testing program.

**Table 11. Soil Conductivity Reading Interpretation**

| Conductivity "salt" reading millisiemens/cm | Rating | Plant Response |
|---|---|---|
| 0-0.25 | L | Suitable for most plants if recommended amounts of fertilizer are used. |
| 0.26-0.45 | M | Suitable for most plants if recommended amounts of fertilizer are used. |
| 0.46-0.70 | H | May reduce emergence and cause slight to severe damage to salt sensitive plants. |
| 0.71-1.00 | E | May prevent emergence and cause slight to severe damage to most plants. |
| 1.00 | E | Expected to cause severe damage to most plants. |

For greenhouse soils the OMAF accredited soil test uses a larger soil sample and measures conductivity on a saturation extract. For greenhouse crops using that method, conductivity readings up to 3.5 millisiemens/cm are acceptable.

## TOXICITY OF FERTILIZER MATERIALS

All fertilizer salts are toxic to germinating seeds and to plant roots if applied in sufficient concentration near the seed. Fertilizers vary in toxicity per unit of plant nutrient due to: (1) differences in the amount of salts contained in the fertilizer per unit of plant nutrient, (2) differences in solubility of the salts in the soil, and (3) a few specific materials or elements are particularly toxic (for example, ammonia and boron).

### Nitrogen Fertilizers

Ammonium nitrate, monoammonium phosphate and ammonium sulphate are similar in toxicity and much safer than anhydrous ammonia, aqua ammonia or urea. Diammonium phosphate is more toxic than monoammonium phosphate but less toxic than urea. More care should be taken, particularly with sensitive seeds and on coarse-textured soil (sand and sandy loam), than is required with ammonium nitrate, or monoammonium phosphate.

Because anhydrous ammonia and aqua ammonia are extremely toxic fertilizers, they should not be placed near seeds. It is preferable to make preplant applications crossways to the direction in which the crop will be planted.

Urea is toxic when banded with or near the seed but is safe when broadcast at rates normally used. Fertilizers containing more than half as much nitrogen as phosphate frequently contain urea.

### Phosphate Fertilizers

Phosphate fertilizers are usually low in toxicity because a large portion of the phosphate is precipitated in the soil before it can reach the plant roots. The concentration of phosphorus in soil solution at any one time is very low. No limit is normally set for the safe rate at which phosphates may be applied with, or near, the seed of field crops.

Diammonium phosphate is more toxic than other phosphate fertilizer – see above under nitrogen fertilizers.

### Potash Fertilizers

Muriate of potash (KCL) is the most common source of potassium in fertilizers, and is less toxic per unit of plant nutrients than most nitrogen fertilizers.

Sulphate of potash ($K_2SO_4$) is less toxic than muriate of potash.

Sulphate of potash-magnesia has approximately the same toxicity per unit of potassium as muriate of potash.

Potassium nitrate is one of the safer sources of potassium.

**Table 12. Maximum Safe Rates of Nutrients**

| | |
|---|---|
| **SPRING OATS AND BARLEY (fertilizer with the seed)** | |
| **Sands and Sandy Loam Soils** | 35 kg nitrogen or 55 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If **diammonium phosphate** (18-46-0) is the N source, 20 kg nitrogen or 35 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If urea is the N source, 10 kg nitrogen or 30 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare[1]. |
| **Loams, Silt or Clay Loams** | 45 kg nitrogen or 70 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If **diammonium phosphate** (18-46-0) is the N source, 30 kg nitrogen or 55 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If urea is the N source, 10 kg nitrogen or 30 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare[1]. |
| **WINTER WHEAT, TRITICALE OR BARLEY (fertilizer with the seed)** | |
| **All Soils** | 15 kg nitrogen or 30 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. **Diammonium phosphate** (18-46-0) or **urea** should not be drilled with the seed of fall-seeded cereals[1]. |
| **CORN (fertilizer with the seed)** | |
| **All Soils** | 7 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare in one metre rows. **Diammonium phosphate** or **urea** should not be applied with the seed of corn. At row widths other than one metre, the rate may be adjusted to provide the same maximum concentration in the row (in 50 cm rows the safe rate = 100/50 × 7 = 14 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare). |
| **CORN (fertilizer banded 5 cm on the side and 5 cm below the seed)** | |
| **All Soils** | 55 kg nitrogen or 90 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If **urea** is the N source, 30 kg nitrogen or 60 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. If more than 55 kg nitrogen per hectare is banded, the band should be at least 15 cm from the seed. At row widths other than one metre, the rate may be adjusted to provide the same maximum concentration in the row (in 50 cm rows the safe rate = 100/50 × 55 = 110 kg N per hectare). |
| **CORN (fertilizer broadcast)** | |
| **Sands and Sandy Loam Soils** | If urea is the N source, 200 kg nitrogen or 250 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. |
| **CANOLA (fertilizer with the seed)** | |
| | Up to 20 kg/ha phosphate fertilizer may be drilled with the seed as superphosphate or monoammonium phosphate. Nitrogen (except in the form of monoammonium phosphate) and potash should not be applied with the seed. |
| **FLAX (no fertilizer with seed)** | |
| **All soils** | Rates recommended are normally safe when broadcast. |
| **PEAS, BEANS AND SOYBEANS (no fertilizer with seed)** | |
| **All soils** | (fertilizer banded 5 cm to the side and 5 cm below the seed) 30 kg nitrogen or 90 kg (nitrogen + potash) per hectare. Rates recommended are normally safe when broadcast. |

[1]*Fertilizers containing more than half as much nitrogen as phosphate (e.g., 16-16-16) frequently contain urea. Note that fertilizers containing urea are not suitable for banding at seeding in many cases.*

## Fertilizers Containing Micronutrients

Fertilizers containing micronutrients (boron, copper, iron, manganese or zinc) are more toxic than the same grades without micronutrients and maximum safe rates should be reduced. Boron is particularly toxic, and should not be banded.

## Guidelines for Safe Rates of Nutrients Applied at Seeding

Fertilizer toxicity varies widely, depending on the amount of soil moisture. To insure completely safe rates of banded fertilizer for all seeding conditions would require extremely low rates of application. The maximum safe rates suggested here will probably reduce or delay germination, or retard growth in up to 10% of the cases where they are used. In most cases, it is advisable to use lower rates of fertilizer at seeding than those listed in table 12. If fertilizer requirements are high, it may be better to broadcast most of the fertilizer required and to band only a small portion at seeding. Fertilizers containing the micronutrients boron, copper, iron, manganese and zinc are more toxic, and the safe rates recommended will be lower than those shown in this table.

## CROP MANAGEMENT

### Seeding Date and Planting Depth

The best yields are usually obtained from corn planted in the first half of May because the crop is able to use the full growing season. Early planting also results in earlier maturity in the fall, reducing the risk of damage from an early fall frost or adverse weather at harvest. The optimum planting date is around May 7 in southwestern Ontario and May 10 in central and eastern Ontario. Delaying planting past the optimum date can result in yield reductions averaging 40 kg/ha per day of delay.

It is advisable to start planting slightly before the optimum date. Take advantage of good planting conditions when they occur. The risk of a yield reduction from planting a bit too early is less than that from planting too late.

Corn will germinate if the soil temperature is over 10°C, but emergence will be very slow at soil temperatures under 15°C. When planting early or in cold soil, place the seeds 2 to 3 cm deep, because the soil will be warmest near the soil surface. Deeper planting will result in delayed emergence and uneven stands.

When planting in warm soil, the seeding depth generally should be such that the seed is placed in moist soil. Excessively deep planting should be avoided. Seeds planted more than 7 cm deep may have difficulty emerging, especially on fine-textured or compacted soils where crusting may be a problem.

### Plant Populations

The plant populations discussed here are suggested final plant stands. Because not all seeds emerge, it is necessary to seed at slightly higher rates. When planting early in the season or when the soil is cold, a seeding rate 10% higher than the desired final stand is recommended (see Table 13). When soils are warmer, an adjustment of 5% is sufficient.

In Ontario, corn has commonly been grown at populations of 52,000 to 58,000 plants per hectare. These populations can produce good yields over a wide range of growing conditions without excessive lodging. In recent years, hybrids have been developed which tolerate higher plant densities without excessive lodging or barrenness. Under good growing conditions, higher yields can be obtained by using plant populations as high as 67,000 plants per hectare.

Increased plant densities are not appropriate for all situations because of the many factors that interact with plant population to place the crop under stress. Factors such as drought, weeds, insects, diseases, soil compaction, inadequate fertility and poor drainage all serve to exaggerate the stressful effects of increased plant populations. The more severe these other stresses are, the lower the optimum plant population will be.

Yield increases from increased plant densities have been least in the warmer parts of Ontario (over 2900 heat units for grain corn or 3100 heat units for whole-plant silage). Many factors, including larger plant size and higher temperatures at silking, are responsible for this difference. In these warmer areas, optimum plant populations will be lower than those discussed below.

Hybrid selection is a critical factor in determining the optimum plant population. Many hybrids yield well at 55,000 plants per hectare, but cannot tolerate higher densities, especially if growing conditions are less than ideal. Only a few hybrids can tolerate a population of 67,000 plants per hectare. The population selected must be suitable for the hybrid being grown and the growing conditions likely to be encountered. It may be necessary to change the plant population when changing hybrids or fields.

Experience with previous corn crops can provide guidelines for choosing a plant population. Where yields have been low and lodging a problem, even though good-standing hybrids have been grown, final stands as low as 50,000 plants per hectare are recommended. These lower populations should be considered on soils low in fertility, susceptible to drought, imperfectly drained, or otherwise in poor condition.

An increase in plant density is most likely to result in improved grain yield in fields that already have a history of high yields with little lodging. These will be fertile, well-drained fields with good moisture-holding capacity. In such cases, consideration should be given to increasing plant population. There appears to be little advantage to plant densities over 67,000 plants per hectare for grain corn.

A benefit from higher plant densities will most likely be obtained when corn is planted early. Later plantings result in large, leafier plants and more inter-plant competition. Late-planted corn will also be silking later when the risk of drought or heat-stress is greater. Therefore, plant density should be reduced as planting is delayed.

Because lodging is of less concern in corn grown for whole-plant silage, higher plant populations can be used than for grain corn. In areas with less than 3100 heat units, final stands of 60,000 to 70,000 plants per hectare will produce higher silage yields with little effect on the grain content or moisture level of the silage. These populations should be used only where it is certain that the field will be harvested for whole-plant silage. Fields left for grain at these densities could lodge excessively. Even for silage, the population should not exceed 60,000 plants per hectare on soils that are droughty or otherwise in poor condition.

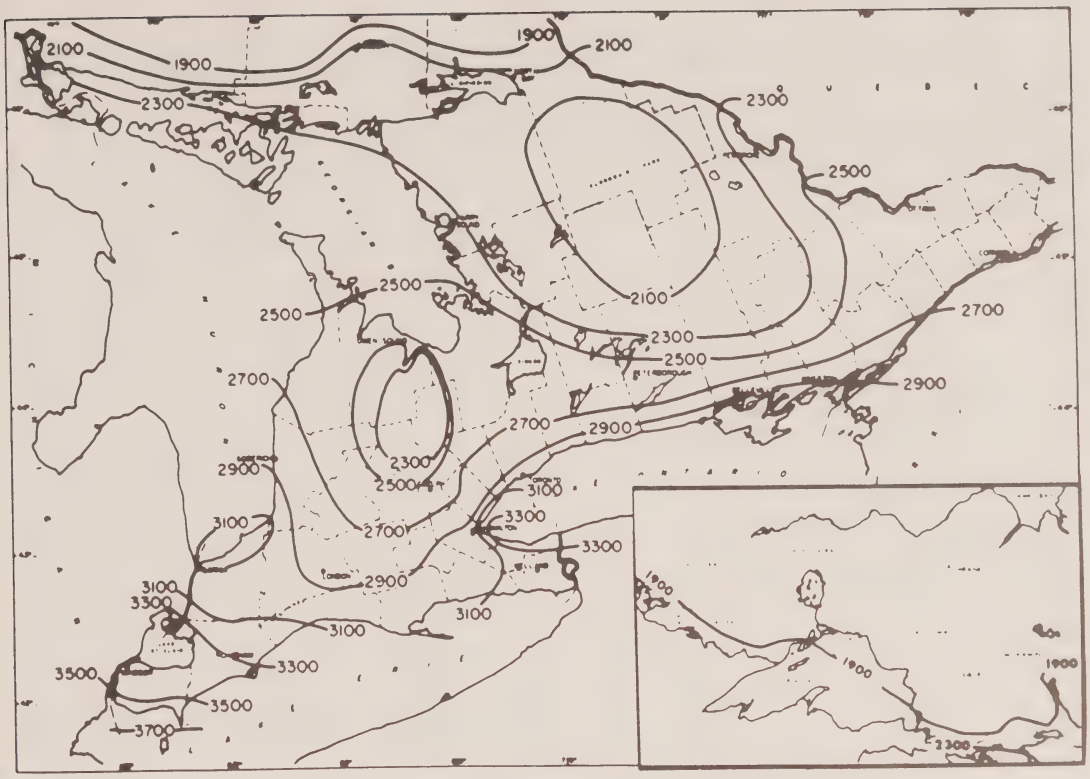


**Figure 1. Heats Units Available for Corn Production**

**Table 13. Centimetres Between Seeds to Achieve Specific Populations**

| Final[1] Plants/ hectare | Seeds[2] Per hectare | Row Width[3] — centimetres | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 71 | 76 | 81 | 86 | 91 | 97 | 102 |
| 40,000 | 43,900 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 22 |
| 45,000 | 50,000 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 |
| 50,000 | 55,600 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 |
| 55,000 | 61,100 | 23 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 |
| 60,000 | 66,700 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 15 |
| 65,000 | 72,200 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| 70,000 | 77,800 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 13 |

[1] *1 hectare = 2.47 acres*

[2] *Based on 10% loss of plants. With planting after the optimum date, a loss of 5% of the plants may be more realistic.*

[3] *1 centimetre = 0.39 inch*

# HYBRID SELECTION

## Grain Corn

Corn hybrids suitable for Ontario are evaluated for yield, maturity and standability in tests conducted across the province each year. The results are published annually in the *Ontario Hybrid Corn Performance Trials* report. This report is a valuable guide in selecting hybrids. The first consideration in choosing a hybrid must be the ability to reach the proper stage of maturity in the fall. Once the maturity range is established, the final selection should be based on both yield and standability.

## Silage Corn

Experience has demonstrated that hybrids producing high grain yields also produce high silage yields. When choosing hybrids specifically for whole-plant silage, a yield advantage can usually be obtained by selecting hybrids rated 100 to 200 heat units later than those selected for grain.

## Choosing Hybrids for Your Farm

Locate the vicinity of your farm on the map in Figure 1 and estimate the number of heat units available. Since the number of heat units received will also be influenced by the slope, elevation and soil type, the average heat units received by a farm may vary over the long term from the estimate by up to 50 heat units. Once you have established the heat unit rating for your farm, select hybrids requiring that number of heat units or fewer. This should ensure that corn planted by mid-May will reach full maturity before a killing frost nine years out of ten.

If planting is delayed beyond mid-May, reduce your estimate of the number of heat units available by 100 for each week that planting is delayed. For example, in a 2900 heat unit area, if planting is delayed to May 24, select a hybrid that requires no more than 2800 heat units to mature.

# FERTILIZERS FOR CORN

## Nitrogen

The nitrogen rates recommended in Table 14 represent the most profitable rate of application at various yield levels across Ontario. The expected yield is that which from previous experience, you can expect on your farm in a normal year.

Rates should be adjusted downward if the preceding crop was a legume sod (see *Adjustments for Legumes Plowed Down in Soils section*) or if manure is applied (see *Manure* in *Soils section*).

The most profitable rate of nitrogen application is also affected by the relative prices of corn and nitrogen, expressed as a corn/nitrogen price ratio. This ratio is calculated by dividing the selling price of corn, in dollars per tonne, by the cost of nitrogen, in dollars per kilogram of actual N.

To determine the cost per kilogram of actual nitrogen, divide the cost per tonne of fertilizer material by ten times the percentage of nitrogen.

$$\text{Cost of N/kg} = \frac{\text{Cost of Nitrogen Fertilizer per tonne}}{10 \text{ X } \% \text{ Nitrogen in Fertilizer}}$$

**Table 14. Nitrogen Recommendations for Corn**

| | Expected Yield (t/ha) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grain (Silage)** | **5 (25)** | **6 (30)** | **7 (35)** | **8 (40)** | **9 (45)** | **10 (50)** |
| **Region[1]** | **Most profitable nitrogen rate kg actual N/ha** | | | | | |
| Eastern Ontario | 70 | 90 | 110 | 130 | 155 | 175 |
| Western and Central Ontario | 80 | 100 | 110 | 120 | 125 | 135 |
| Southwestern Ontario (Preplant) | 145 | 160 | 175 | 185 | 190 | 195 |
| Southwestern Ontario (Sidedress) | 125 | 140 | 145 | 150 | 155 | 160 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac*

[1]*Eastern Ontario is that part of the corn growing area lying east of Kingston.*

*Southwestern Ontario is that part of the province west of Toronto receiving more than 2800 corn heat units.*

*Western and Central Ontario are the remainder of the corn growing areas of Ontario.*

The recommendations in Table 14 are based on a corn/nitrogen price ratio of 200. (For example, a corn price of $130 per tonne and a nitrogen cost of $0.65 per kilogram of nitrogen.)

If the ratio falls to 150, reduce the rates recommended in Table 14 by 20 kg/ha.

If the ratio should rise to 250, increase the rates in Table 14 by 15 kg/ha.

For more information on these calculations see OMAF Factsheet, *Nitrogen Recommendations for Corn,* Agdex 111/541.

## Nitrogen Application

The major portion of the nitrogen should be applied in the spring, either preplant, pre-emergence, or side-dressed before the corn is 30 cm high. Fall application is not recommended because of the potential for high losses.

In southwestern Ontario, side-dressed applications have shown a slight yield advantage over pre-plant applications, and anhydrous ammonia has produced 3 to 5% higher yields than urea or ammonium nitrate. In the rest of the province, there has been no yield advantage for side-dressed applications and no yield differences have been found comparing the various nitrogen materials.

Solid forms of nitrogen or urea-ammonium nitrate solutions (UAN) may be applied to the soil surface without incorporation. However, urea or UAN applied on crop residues should be incorporated into the soil immediately. Under dry conditions, the effectiveness of all forms of nitrogen may be improved by incorporation.

If UAN solutions contact leaves, burning and yield reductions are likely to occur.

Anhydrous ammonia, applied with conventional equipment, should be placed a minimum of 15 cm deep in the soil. For preplant applications, applicator outlets should be no more than 50 cm apart. For wider spacings, a 4 day waiting period before planting is recommended to avoid damage to seedlings.

When appropriate equipment is used, ammonia may be applied with a cultivator or disc, a minimum of 10 cm deep with the ammonia outlets spaced no more than 50 cm apart.

## Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for corn are presented in Table 15.

For information on the use of this table, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

The major portion of the phosphorous and potassium may be broadcast and plowed or worked into the soil either in the fall or spring. However, where soil tests show a requirement for these nutrients, a fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus or nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium should be applied as a starter at planting time. For further information see Table 12 *Maximum Safe Rates of Nutrients* in the *Soils* section.

**Table 15. Phosphate and Potash Requirements for Corn Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 – 3 | LOW | 110 | 0 – 15 | LOW | 170 |
| 4 – 5 | | 100 | 16 – 30 | | 160 |
| 6 – 7 | | 90 | 31 – 45 | | 140 |
| 8 – 9 | | 70 | 46 – 60 | | 110 |
| 10 – 12 | MEDIUM | 50 | 61 – 80 | MEDIUM | 80 |
| 13 – 15 | | 20 | 81 – 100 | | 50 |
| 16 – 20 | | 20 | 101 – 120 | | 30 |
| 21 – 30 | HIGH | 20 | 121 – 150 | HIGH | 0 |
| 31 – 60 | VERY HIGH | 0 | 151 – 250 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| 61 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | 251 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac*

[1]*Where manure is applied, reduce fertilizer applications according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

**Sample Calculation:**

*If the expected yield of grain corn in a field in western Ontario is 7 t/ha, the nitrogen recommendation would be 110 kg/ha. (See Table 14.) If the soil tests are 11 for phosphorus and 110 for potassium, the phosphate requirement would be 50 kg/ha and the potash requirement 30 kg/ha. (See Table 15.) The phosphate could be supplied by 160 kg/ha of 8-32-16 (50 X 100/32 = 160). This would also supply 12 kg of nitrogen/ha and 25 kg of potash/ha. The remaining 98 kg of nitrogen/ha could be supplied by 120 kg of anhydrous ammonia/ha (98 X 100 / 82 = 120).*

[2]*When the soil test rating for a nutrient is "Excessive", application of this nutrient in fertilizer or manure may reduce crop yield or quality. For example, phosphorus applications may induce zinc deficiency, on soils low in zinc, and may increase the risk of water pollution. Potash applications on soils low in magnesium may induce magnesium deficiency.*

## Plant Analysis

Sample the mid-third of the ear leaf at silking. However, plants suspected of nutrient deficiency should be sampled as soon as the problem appears. For plants with six leaves or less sample the total above ground plant. From seven leaves to silking sample the youngest fully developed leaf. Expert help will be required to interpret plant analysis results when the samples are not taken at silking.

A soil sample should be taken from the same area and at the same time as a plant sample.

For more information on plant analysis see *Plant Analysis* section in *Soils.*

**Handy Metrics Conversion Factor**

Litres per hectare x 0.4 = litres per acre
Kilograms per hectare x 0.4 = kilograms per acre

**Table 16. Interpretation of Plant Analysis for Corn[1]**

| Nutrient | Units | Critical Concentration[2] | Maximum Normal Concentration[3] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nitrogen (N) | % | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| Phosphorus (P) | % | 0.15 | 0.50 |
| Potassium (K) | % | 1.2 | 2.5 |
| Calcium (Ca) | % | – | 1.5 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | % | 0.10 | 0.60 |
| Sulphur (S) | % | 0.14 | – |
| Boron (B) | ppm | 2 | 25 |
| Copper (Cu) | ppm | 2 | 20 |
| Manganese (Mn) | ppm | 15 | 150 |
| Zinc (Zn) | ppm | 14 | 70 |

[1]*Values apply to the mid-third of the ear leaf sampled at silking.*

[2]*Yield loss due to nutrient deficiency is expected with nutrient concentrations at or below the "critical" concentration.*

[3]*Maximum normal concentrations are more than adequate but do not necessarily cause toxicities.*

## Micronutrients and Magnesium

Although magnesium is plentiful in most soils in Ontario, magnesium deficiency does occur on acid, sandy soils. The symptoms appear first as yellow striping of the lower leaves. As the deficiency worsens, the upper leaves may become striped while the lower leaves turn reddish-purple.

All soil samples analyzed under the OMAF accredited soil testing program are tested for magnesium. This test is a reliable guide for determining magnesium requirements.

Dolomitic lime is an excellent source of magnesium. Where limestone is required to correct soil acidity, dolomitic lime should be used whenever the magnesium test is less than 100. For further information, see OMAF Factsheet, *Soil Acidity and Liming,* Agdex 534.

Few soils that do not need lime will require magnesium. Magnesium application is recommended only if the magnesium test is under 20. On these soils magnesium can be supplied either by magnesium sulfate or, if potassium is also required, by sulfate of potash magnesia. Apply 30 kg of water-soluble magnesium/ha.

Over-application of potassium can induce magnesium deficiency. For this reason it is important to monitor soil potassium levels closely, and restrict potash application rates to those recommended by the OMAF accredited soil test.

Zinc deficiency occurs on corn in Ontario. Visual symptoms on the leaves are the best means of determining deficiency but soil tests are also useful. Response to zinc should not be expected unless deficiency symptoms are quite marked.

When zinc is required it may be applied to the soil mixed in the fertilizer at rates supplying 4 to 14 kg zinc/ha. The higher rate should be sufficient for up to 3 years. Not more than 4 kg zinc/ha should be banded at planting. Zinc may be applied as a foliar spray at rates supplying 60 g zinc/100 litres (0.6 lb/100 gal). A wetting agent should be added. Spray to leaf wetness. For further information, see *Micronutrients* in *Soil Management* section and OMAF Factsheet, *Zinc Requirements for Field Crops,* Agdex 100/531.

Other micronutrients are not likely to be deficient on corn in Ontario.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN CORN

### (See also Pesticides section)

### Seed Treatment

Follow the precautions under *Seed Treatments* in *General Information on Pesticide Usage* section, when applying chemical seed treatment.

Seed corn sold in Ontario has been treated with a fungicide, such a captan, Vitaflo 280 or thiram, for protection against **seed decay** organisms. A treatment may also have been applied to control insects that attack seed in storage.

Additional treatments to protect seeds from soil-inhabiting insects should be applied every year. Use diazinon to reduce damage by **seed maggots** and lindane for protection from **wireworms.** Seed treatment combinations of diazinon and lindane are available from seed suppliers and should be applied as recommended. Follow the directions on the label with care. Thorough mixing is important.

Apply insecticides to the seed just before planting or mix them with seed in the planter box. Use a wooden paddle to mix the chemicals and seed.

## DISEASES

### General Preventive Measures

1. **Rotate corn with other crops to help prevent disease build-up.** Rotation is particularly important when reduced tillage is practised.
2. Plant hybrids resistant to leaf blights and stalk rot (see below and check with seed company).
3. Plowing under of chopped corn stalks and leaves helps to kill overwintering disease fungi, and European corn borer.
4. Minimize plant stress by:
   a. Avoiding plant populations that are too high for the hybrid grown.
   b. Maintaining high soil fertility, good soil structure, and good drainage.

**Leaf blights** Northern leaf blight and leaf spot sometimes appear, especially on lower leaves. Both diseases are favored by moderate temperatures, long dew periods, and rain. Most recommended hybrids have good resistance.

**Eyespot** is usually severe only in wet seasons in fields with much corn debris from the previous season or on highly susceptible hybrids. Crop rotation and clean plowing of corn debris help to reduce disease severity.

**Anthracnose** is now widely distributed in southern Ontario and may become severe in wet years. The disease may affect both leaves and stalks. Rotation of corn with other crops and plowing down corn residues cleanly will reduce disease severity.

**Bacterial leaf blight (Stewart's Wilt)** occurs in southwestern Ontario, mainly in Essex and Kent counties. Elongate water-soaked streaks with wavy margins appear on the leaves, especially after silking. When disease develops earlier the plants may wilt. The disease can be transmitted in seed or by the corn flea beetle, and may spread from sweet corn which is more susceptible than field corn.

**Common Smut** Greyish smut galls up to 10 cm in diameter develop on the stalks, ears and tassels, while smaller galls often appear on the leaves. Stress from herbicides or drought, injury by hail, blowing sand or cultivation and high rates of nitrogen can increase smut incidence. Most corn hybrids have enough resistance to smut to prevent serious outbreaks. However, some smut is present in most fields.

**Stalk Rot** Grow hybrids with low stalk breakage counts, as listed in the current Ontario Hybrid Corn Performance Trials. Copies are available from your county office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Stalk rot is often serious in fields with high plant populations, low fertility, and poor soil conditions. Harvest as early as possible because stalk rot develops mostly on mature plants and becomes a greater problem the longer the crop is left in the field.

**Ear Rot** Pink, white, green and black molds may develop on ears. The pink molds, and less often the white molds, may produce toxins, including estrogens and vomitoxin, which have serious effects on livestock, especially pigs and poultry. The green and black molds do not normally pose a problem except when, in great abundance, they may put livestock off feed. Development of the ear rot is stopped when corn is dried, or ensiled, but the level of harmful toxins, if present, remains unchanged. Where corn is stored in cribs these fungi will, under favorable weather conditions, continue to grow and produce toxin until corn moisture drops below 20%. See OMAF Factsheet, *Controlling Fusarium Mycotoxosis In Swine,* Agdex 440/60.

When ear rot is present, the following storage and feeding precautions are advisable:

1. Harvest as early as possible.
2. If bird damage is evident, harvest outside damaged rows separately. Keep and handle the grain from these rows separately.
3. Clean corn thoroughly to remove pieces of cob, small kernels and red dog.
4. Exercise caution in feeding moldy corn, especially to hogs. Pink or reddish molds are particularly harmful.
5. For assistance with problems of moldy feeds, contact the county office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. It may be recommended that the feedstuff be analyzed for toxins.
6. Avoid cribbing corn with pink ear rot.

## INSECTS

**Corn Rootworms** There are two species of corn rootworms that damage corn in Ontario. The northern corn rootworm is still the predominant species east of Kingston while the western corn rootworm is the predominant species west of Kingston.

The larval stage of these species feed on corn, causing damage by tunneling through and pruning roots from mid-June to mid-July. When fully grown the slender, white larvae are about 1.5 cm long. The northern adult is a plain yellow or green beetle about 0.5 cm in length; the western adult is yellow with black markings and is slightly larger than the northern adult. Both adults feed on corn silks from August to the first frost. Field corn can withstand heavy adult populations (more than 10 adults per ear) at pollination without economic loss. After pollination is complete, beetle feeding no longer poses a threat to yield. See OMAF Factsheet, *Corn Rootworms,* Agdex 111/622.

**Crop rotation is recommended to control both species of rootworms.** If crop rotation is not practical and the western corn rootworm is predominant in your area, it may be necessary to treat 2nd-year corn, especially on clay soils. If extensive goose-necking occurs, consider treatment with insecticide the following spring. For most insecticides, use a planter-mounted granular insecticide applicator with a spreader attachment to place an insecticide in at least a 15-cm band in front of the press wheel but not in contact with the seed because of possible phytotoxicity. Calibrate the applicator each year, when switching chemicals or changing planting speeds. Do not use a broadcast application. To avoid wind drift and poor control, mount the spreaders as close to the ground as possible, and use wind guards, or apply insecticide directly in the seed furrow. ONLY COUNTER 15G MAY BE APPLIED IN-FURROW.

Poor control has often been the result of:

1. Poor calibration.
2. Applying less than recommended rates.
3. Poorly maintained equipment.
4. Absence of wind guards for proper placement of insecticide on windy days.

Under light to moderate rootworm pressures all of the insecticides listed below have significantly reduced the damage caused by corn rootworms.

Under heavy insect pressures the products divide into three groups of effectiveness as listed below. Within groups, products are equally effective and are listed by date of registration. Consult the insecticide label for manufacturer's directions for use.

There is concern that the continued use of one material may result in development of soil microorganisms capable of rapid degradation of that insecticide.

**All of these insecticides are extremely poisonous to the operator. Handle with care. Follow all safety precautions on the label. Only purchase what is needed for one year. Store under lock and key and not with food or animal feed. For additional information see Pesticides section.**

**Table 17. Corn Rootworm Control**

| | | Rate of Product | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Grams per 100m of any row width | kg/ha at Row Width of | |
| Insecticide | Placement[1] | | 90 cm | 75 cm |
| Counter 15 G[2] | Band | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| Thimet 15 G | Band | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| Dyfonate II 20 G[3] | Band | 55 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Counter 15 G[2] | In furrow | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| Lorsban 15 G | Band | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| Cygard 15 G | Band | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| Di-Syston 15 G | Band | 75 | 8.3 | 10.0 |
| 720 LC[4] | Band | 15 mL | 1.6 L/ha | 2.0 L/ha |
| Furadan 10 G | Band | 110 | 12.2 | 14.6 |

G (Granular); LC (Liquid concentrate)

***Under heavy insect pressures the products divide into three groups of effectiveness. Within groups, products are equally effective and are listed by date of registration.***

[1]*Band application — place material in a 15 cm band ahead of the press wheel. In furrow application — place all material directly in the open seed furrow, behind the planter shoe.*

[2]*Also controls seed corn maggot and wireworms.*

[3]*Also controls seed corn maggot.*

[4]*Liquid concentrate must be applied in a 15 cm band for control. Do not apply with liquid starter fertilizer because the band is not wide enough for control of rootworms.*

**European Corn Borer** The stalk breakage problem in any year cannot be predicted but will depend on many factors including weather conditions, stalk rot, wind and borers.

The cream-colored female moth usually lays her eggs on the underside of corn leaves, beginning in early June in southwestern Ontario and somewhat later in other parts of the province. After hatching, the young borers feed on the leaves, giving them a pinpricked appearance. Sometimes the

feeding scars are elongate. Later, the borers work downward into the "throat" (whorl) of the plant and feed on the developing leaves. Afterwards, they enter the stalk. Insecticide controls are not generally recommended since multiple applications are necessary. These are rarely of economic value and only at very high populations. For further information see OMAF Factsheet, *European Corn Borer,* Agdex 111/622.

It is most important to select a hybrid with good standability and thus some resistance to breakage. Avoid plant populations that are too high for the hybrid grown. Higher plant populations lower stalk quality and can result in more breakage. In addition, growers should plant as early as feasible to reduce the infestations by the second generation where it occurs, and to obtain as early a harvest as possible. Harvest as soon as suitable moisture levels are reached to decrease losses from dropped ears and broken stalks which occur during autumn storms.

**European Corn Borer Strains** There are two distinct strains of the European corn borer in Ontario. Most areas have the strain with a single generation per year, but south of a line from Sarnia to London and Simcoe, the strain has two generations per year. There is some resistance to leaf feeding by the single-generation strain and the first generation of the two-generation strain, but none by the second generation feeding where it occurs. The resistance ratings are reflected, among other factors, in the standability ratings available in the current Ontario Hybrid Corn Performance Trial Report.

**Cutworms** They are found in the soil and attack seedling corn in the two- to five-leaf stage. Plants suddenly wilt because the stem is hollowed out or cut off at or just below ground level. The cutworms can usually be found in the soil within a few centimetres of damaged plants. There are a number of species of cutworms and they may be gray to dark brown in color and striped or mottled. Mature cutworms are about 3.5 cm long. Cutworms that are nearly mature (over 2.5 cm long) are difficult to control but they will stop feeding in a few days when they reach full size. Insecticide application is not recommended in this case because most of the damage is done and it is better to wait a few days and replant. Treatment is most effective when applied soon after cutworms have hatched. Only a small acreage of Ontario corn has cutworm problems in any one year. For this reason, and because corrective sprays are available, granular treatments applied at planting time are not recommended.

Cutworms are more frequent in fields with green cover early in the spring before primary tillage. Watch out for winter annuals such as chickweed. Warm, clear, calm nights in early spring are ideal for moths to lay eggs. Eggs are usually laid before tillage in spring. If these conditions describe your field, keep a close watch for cutworm feeding shortly after crop emergence.

If seedling corn is attacked and the cutworms are small, apply one of the following treatments in 400 L of water per hectare at the seedling (2- to 5-leaf) stage when damage first appears. Cutworms are most active in the evening and treatments are best applied at this time. Control may be reduced if soil is dry for extended periods after application. It is not necessary to treat the entire field. Treat only areas showing evidence of feeding. Insecticides may also be applied in a 30 cm band over the row. See section on *Band Spraying of Insecticides.*

**Table 18. Cutworm Control[1]**

| Insecticide | Product per ha |
|---|---|
| Ambush 500 EC[2] | 225-300 mL |
| Lorsban 4 E | 2.4 L |
| Ripcord 400 EC | 175 mL |

*E or EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate)*

[1]*Seedling stage only.*

[2]*Read the label. Do not disturb the soil for 5 days after application.*

**Armyworm** Because weed-infested corn is attractive to armyworm moths for egg-laying, eliminate grasses and weeds from the corn crop. The result will be less armyworm damage to corn. (See Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control.*) When armyworms move into corn fields, spray the border rows and adjacent cereals, pasture, or hay crops. Refer to Armyworms in Cereals section for more information.

**Potato Stem Borer** This pest of corn is more severe in the eastern counties but infestations occur throughout the province.

Seedling corn is destroyed by larvae (pinkish worms 4 cm long when mature) that bore into the base of plants just below or above ground level. The leaves of infested plants wilt and turn brown from the tips downward. Seedlings up to 40 cm high wither and die. Such plants break off at ground level when pulled. The worm may be found in the stalk or in the soil near the base of the plant. The larvae move to corn in late May or early June from grassy field borders.

At present there are no effective insecticides to control the potato stem borer in corn. To reduce infestations maintain weed-free fields. Quackgrass, along with other perennial grasses, acts as a primary weed host for the potato stem borer.

**Corn Leaf Aphid** These small dark aphids do not overwinter in Ontario. Each year they are carried into the province by air currents. Populations of 400 or more per plant, especially under dry conditions, may be economically important. See OMAF Factsheet, *Corn Leaf Aphid,* Agdex 111/622.

**White Grubs** The larvae of June beetles have plump, white bodies with large brown heads and six prominent legs. They are found in a "C"-shaped position in the soil near the roots of plants. The adults lay their eggs in sod and white grubs are therefore a problem in corn following sod, particularly in run-down fields or pastures. When such fields are plowed, the partly grown larvae can be found, especially if the sod is broken apart and examined carefully.

**Sap Beetles** They are small dark beetles about 6 mm long with two yellow spots on each wing cover. These beetles are often numerous in corn fields but do not cause significant damage.

**Slugs** are legless creatures (mollusks) that glide along on a path of mucus. This mucus dries out and can be seen in the daytime as a shiny trail over the leaves and soil. Slugs feed on the lower leaves of the corn, especially in the areas between the veins. This feeding often causes the leaves of corn to split lengthwise. If mucus trails or split leaves are seen, slugs can usually be found hiding during the day under stones, clods, and plant debris. The most troublesome slug in corn is the gray garden slug which is 1 to 2 cm long, gray, legless and slimy.

Damage to corn is most serious in May and June before the plants are well established. Treatments with a molluscicide are too expensive to be practical in field corn. Slugs are very dependent on moisture and organic matter on or near the soil surface. Slugs are most likely to be a problem on wet fields, following late spring plowing of red clover and with minimum tillage.

### Insects in Stored Grain

**Stored Grain Insects** – Surveys have shown that stored grain in county elevators and on farms in Ontario have the heaviest insect infestations of any region in Canada. For control measures, see section *Insects in Farm Stored Grain* under Cereal Crops, Insect Section.

## WEED CONTROL IN CORN

For weed control recommendations see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*.

# SOYBEANS

## CROP MANAGEMENT

Soybeans should be planted from May 10 to May 25. Later planting will cause marked yield decreases.

When seeding, make allowance for variety seed-size differences. A seeding rate of 67 kg/ha (1 bu/ac) is adequate for all varieties in 36 to 71 cm rows. Eighteen centimetre rows are recommended under short growing season conditions. Adjust seeding rate upward for lower germination or for soils which crust badly. Uniform depth of seeding, 3 to 5 cm, is important.

**Table 19. Seeding Rate**

| | Row Width (centimetres) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 18 | 36 | 53 | 71 |
| | Number of Seeds/Metre of Row[1] | | | |
| | 10 | 15 | 21 | 29 |
| Number of Seeds/Kilogram | Seeding Rate[2] (kg/ha) | | | |
| 4000-5000 (Large Seeds) | 154-123[3] | 115-92 | 115-92 | 115-92 |
| 5000-6000 | 123-103 | 92-77 | 92-77 | 97-77 |
| 6000-7000 | 103-87 | 77-67 | 77-67 | 77-67 |
| 7000-8000 (Small Seeds) | 87-78 | 67-58 | 67-58 | 67-58 |

[1]*18-cm row width calculations based on a stand of 500,000 plants per hectare. 36-cm and wider row width calculations based on a stand of 400,000 plants per hectare.*

[2]*Calculations are adjusted for 90% seed germination.*

[3]*kg/ha x .9 = lb/ac*

### Inoculation

When soybeans are grown on land for the first time, inoculation with soybean rhizobia is essential for high yields. Under these conditions, soil-applied granular inoculants produce more consistent nodulation and higher yields than seed-applied powders. Therefore, granular inoculant is recommended on new soybean land, at rates from 5 kg/ha in wide rows up to 10 kg/ha in rows 18 cm apart.

Granular inoculant is applied through granular insecticide applicators on a corn planter, with delivery tubes brought forward to place the inoculant in the seed furrow. In a grain drill, the grass seed box can be used for granular inoculant with tubing added to drop the inoculant with the seed. With newer drills, the granular inoculant may be applied through the fertilizer hopper. After nodulated soybeans have been grown on a field, the use of granular inoculant is not recommended because it usually does not cause yield increases.

If soybeans have only been grown for one or two years, or if they have not yet been grown for several years, soybean seed should be inoculated with powdered peat inoculant to ensure nodulation. For growers using powdered inoculant, use of a sticker will ensure uniform adhesion to the seed. The seed treatment Anchor serves as a sticker as well as a fungicide.

As a remedial measure, if nodulation does not occur, apply 50 kg/ha of nitrogen after full flower.

## VARIETY SELECTION

Soybean varieties suitable for Ontario are evaluated in tests conducted at a number of locations each year. The results are published in the *Ontario Soybean Variety Trials*.

It is important to select a variety that corresponds to the heat unit rating for your farm (Figure 1). A variety that takes advantage of the full growing season will generally yield more than those maturing earlier.

If winter wheat is to be grown after soybeans using conventional tillage methods, select a variety that requires about 300 heat units less than the number available in your area. If winter wheat is to be broadcast into a standing crop, select full season varieties.

## FERTILIZERS FOR SOYBEANS

### Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizers are not usually required for soybeans. See *Inoculation* in the *Soybean Crop Management* section.

### Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for soybeans are given in Table 20.

For information on the use of this table, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

### Methods of Application

Fertilizer should not be placed in contact with soybean seeds. The fertilizer may be broadcast and plowed down or worked into the soil either in the fall or spring; or a planter with a separate attachment for fertilizer placement may be used to place the fertilizer 5 cm to the side and 5 cm below the seed. For further information see Table 12. *Maximum Safe Rates of Nutrients* in the *Soils* section.

### Plant Analysis

For soybeans, sampling the top fully developed leaf (3 leaflets plus stem) at first flowering is recommended. However plants suspected of having a nutrient deficiency should be sampled as soon as the problem appears. Expert help will be required to interpret plant analysis results if the samples are not taken at flowering.

For more information on plant analysis see *Plant Analysis* section in *Soils*.

**Table 20. Phosphate and Potash Requirements for Soybeans Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 – 3 | LOW | 80 | 0 – 15 | LOW | 120 |
| 4 – 5 | | 60 | 16 – 30 | | 110 |
| 6 – 7 | | 50 | 31 – 45 | | 90 |
| 8 – 9 | | 40 | 46 – 60 | | 80 |
| 10 – 12 | MEDIUM | 30 | 61 – 80 | MEDIUM | 60 |
| 13 – 15 | | 20 | 81 – 100 | | 40 |
| 16 – 30 | HIGH | 0 | 101 – 120 | | 30 |
| 31 – 60 | VERY HIGH | 0 | 121 – 150 | HIGH | 0 |
| 61 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | 151 – 250 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| | | | 251 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure Section in Soils). Example of fertilizer application: If a soybean crop is not manured and the soil tests are 9 for phosphorus and 85 for potassium, the phosphate requirement is 40 kg/ha and the potash requirement 40 kg/ha (see above table). These nutrients can be supplied by broadcasting or banding 200 kg/ha 0-20-20 fertilizer.*

[2]*For a nutrient which has an excessive rating by soil analysis, the application of this nutrient in fertilizer or manure may cause problems due to reduced crop yield or quality. Phosphorus additions may also increase the risk of water pollution. Potash additions may induce magnesium deficiency on soils low in magnesium.*

**Table 21. Interpretation of Plant Analysis for Soybeans[1]**

| Nutrient | Units | Critical Concentration[2] | Maximum Normal Concentration[3] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nitrogen (N) | % | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| Phosphorus (P) | % | 0.15 | 0.5 |
| Potassium (K) | % | 1.2 | 2.5 |
| Calcium (Ca) | % | – | 3.0 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | % | 0.10 | 1.00 |
| Boron (B) | ppm | 20 | 55 |
| Copper (Cu) | ppm | 4 | 30 |
| Manganese (Mn) | ppm | 14 | 100 |
| Molybdenum (Mo) | ppm | .5 | 5.0 |
| Zinc (Zn) | ppm | 12 | 80 |

[1]*Values apply to the top fully developed leaf (3 leaflets plus stem) at first flowering.*

[2]*Yield loss due to nutrient deficiency is expected with nutrient concentrations at or below the "critical" concentration.*

[3]*Maximum normal concentrations are more than adequate but do not necessarily cause toxicities.*

### Micronutrients

Manganese is the only micronutrient deficiency diagnosed in soybeans in Ontario, although zinc deficiency may show up in the future where the surface soil has been lost by erosion.

With manganese deficiency, the upper leaves range from pale green (slight deficiency) to almost white (severe deficiency) while the veins remain green. In addition to deficiency symptoms both soil tests and plant analyses are useful in predicting where manganese deficiencies are likely to occur. Both are available at OMAF accredited laboratories.

Correct the deficiency as soon as detected by spraying the foliage with 2 kg of manganese/ha from manganese sulfate (8 kg of manganese sulfate/ha) in 200 L of water.

A "spreader-sticker" in the spray is recommended. If the deficiency is severe, a second spray may be beneficial.

Never use spray equipment which has been used for spraying hormone-type herbicides such as 2,4-D. Beans are very sensitive to this type of herbicide.

Soil application is not a recommended way to apply manganese regardless of the source because of the large amounts required. Application of manganese chelates to the soil has resulted in yield reductions.

For further details on manganese deficiency and on methods of application refer to OMAF Factsheet, *Manganese in Soybeans and Small Grain Production,* Agdex 100/531.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN SOYBEANS

### (See also Pesticides section)

### Seed Treatments

Follow the precautions under *Seed Treatments* in *General Information in Pesticide Usage* section, when applying any chemical seed treatment.

Seed treatments are recommended for control of seed decay, damping-off, and seedling blight which are caused by various seed-borne and soil-borne fungi. These diseases reduce germination, plant stand and yield.

**Table 22. Soybean Seed Treatments**

| Product | Active Ingredients | Formulation[1] | Diseases Controlled | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Phomopsis Seed Mold | Rhizoctonia Damping Off | Other Seed Decay and Seedling Blight[2] |
| **Insect and Disease Control** | | | | | |
| *Bin-run (Untreated) Seed* | | | | | |
| Agrox B-3 | diazinon + lindane + captan | P (DB) | – | – | + |
| *Seed Pretreated with Fungicide* | | | | | |
| Agrox D-L Plus | diazinon + lindane + captan | P (DB) | – | – | +[3] |
| Co-op D-L + C | diazinon + lindane + captan | P (DB) | – | – | +[3] |
| Drillbox D-L + C | diazinon + lindane + captan | P (DB) | – | – | +[3] |
| **Disease Control** | | | | | |
| Anchor | carbathiin + thiram | F (DB) | + | + | + |
| Captan Flowable | captan | F | – | – | + |
| Vitaflo-280 | carbathiin + thiram | F | + | + | + |
| Vitavax Powder | carbathiin + thiram | P (DB) | + | + | + |

[1]*P (Powder); F (Flowable); DB (Drill Box Application).*

[2]*Caused by other soil fungi especially pythium.*

[3]*Effective only when applied to seed already treated with captan.*

*+ Recommended for disease listed.*

*– NOT recommended*

Seed treatments are recommended also for control of seed maggots and wireworms in areas where these insects are a problem. Seed maggots usually are damaging on lighter soils high in organic matter. Wireworms may be a problem in soybeans that follow sod or pasture. The recommended insecticides are Diazinon and Lindane, but they can cause seedling injury when one or both are used. The addition of a fungicide such as captan makes these products safer on soybean seed and in addition controls seed decay and seedling diseases.

Among the products containing Diazinon, Lindane and captan, only Agrox B-3 contains sufficient captan fungicide to be used on untreated soybean seed. Agrox D-L Plus, Co-op D-L + C and Drillbox D-L + C contain about half as much captan as needed, and therefore should only be used on seed previously treated with Anchor, captan, Vitaflo-280 or Vitavax powder. In areas where insect problems are minimal, use seed treatments containing fungicide only, such as captan, Anchor, Vitaflo-280 or Vitavax powder.

## DISEASES

**Phytophthora Root Rot** is a potential problem in heavy clay soils in southwestern Ontario. The disease has also been observed in central and eastern Ontario. Seedlings may be killed prior to emergence or plants may be killed any time before maturity. A reddish discoloration extending from the roots to the lower nodes is evident on the stems of wilted plants. Dead plants may occur as either a few in a row or as patches in low areas of fields. Control of Phytophthora root rot requires a combination of soybean variety selection and good soil management.

Soybean varieties with resistance or tolerance to Phytophthora root rot are available. Some varieties have both resistance and tolerance. Consult the current *Report, Ontario Soybean Variety Trials,* available from your county OMAF office, for variety ratings for Phytophthora root rot.

1. Resistant varieties. The Phytophthora fungus is present in Ontario soils as a series of races (or "strains"). Resistance in any one soybean variety is effective against some but not all of the races. Root rot is controlled in a particular field when the variety grown is resistant to all of the Phytophthora races that happen to be present in that field. Resistance will "breakdown", however, should another race appear to which the variety is not resistant. If this occurs, use a tolerant variety.
2. Tolerant varieties. Some disease develops in these varieties when grown in infested soils, regardless of which races of Phytophthora are present. However yields of tolerant varieties usually are not seriously reduced by the disease.

Any soil management practice which reduces soil compaction or waterlogging will decrease the incidence of Phytophthora root rot. On clay soils where the disease may be a

problem, the following procedures are recommended:

a. Choose a variety with a low percentage of infected plants.

b. Prepare seedbeds by fall plowing and spring tillage.

c. Do not plow or disk when the soil is wet.

d. Plow in crop residues or manure to improve soil structure.

e. Include crops in a rotation which improve soil structure.

f. Inspect each soybean field for dead plants in late July or early August to determine whether or not the variety has enough resistance/tolerance to provide adequate protection under local conditions.

**Rhizoctonia Root Rot** has been found in most of the soybean growing areas of southwestern Ontario. Symptoms of the disease are very similar to plants infected with Phytophthora, except reddish lesions produced on roots and lower stems seldom extend above the soil line. There are no commercial varieties that are tolerant to Rhizoctonia.

**Phomopsis seed mold (Pod and Stem Blight)** develops near harvest when weather is warm and wet. Fine cracks usually develop in the coat of the infected seed, especially near the hilum. A white or grey mold may be visible on the seed surface. The yield, grade, viability and vigor of the seed can be reduced. Whenever possible, grow full-season varieties that mature during the cool weather late in the growing season. Varieties that are short-season for an area tend to mature earlier when conditions are warmer and more favorable for seed mold. Seed treatment (Table 22) usually increases germination and emergence of seed. However, distorted seed with visible fungal growth often fails to germinate, even when treated. Rotating soybeans with other crops and plowing under crop residues help to reduce disease severity.

**Powdery Mildew** develops on the leaves usually in August and September. White powdery growth of the mildew fungus appears on the upper surface of the leaf. The seeds do not become infected. Yield losses usually occur only when outbreaks of powdery mildew begin early, in July, and remain severe until maturity. Cool cloudy weather favors the disease.

**Downy Mildew** appears as yellow, and later, brown spots on the leaves during August and September. In moist weather a pale blue to gray, downy growth of the mildew fungus appears on spots on the lower leaf surface. Severely affected leaves may drop prematurely. Whitish growth of the fungus may encrust the seeds, even within pods that appear healthy. Rotate soybeans with other crops and plow under crop refuse.

**White Mold** may cause damage to soybean under cool, wet conditions. Stems, pods and leaves infected with white mold are pale brown and water-soaked in appearance. Frequently a white cotton-like growth and small dark bodies (sclerotia) can be seen on or within stems of diseased plants. The sclerotia survive many years in soil. In summer, disease arises from air-borne spores produced on the sclerotia. Crop rotation may be useful for disease control in areas where white mold is uncommon. White mold is more likely to occur in soybeans following any bean, sunflower or canola crop in which white mold was present in previous years. Avoid this crop sequence if possible. In areas where white mold is common, however, the disease may appear in spite of crop rotation because of windblown spores from other fields. Some differences in disease severity in varieties have been noted. No resistant varieties have been identified but field observations indicate that early varieties in a geographic area are less prone to an epidemic than later varieties. Similarly, varieties with greater lodging resistance tend to be more resistant to white mold. For soybean fields with a history of severe white mold infection, producers should consider planting varieties which require 200-300 fewer heat units than normally available and which possess superior resistance to lodging.

**Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN)** has been identified in six counties in Ontario: Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Perth and Russell. Nematodes damage the root system and prevent the uptake of water and nutrients. These microscopic worm-like organisms cause some yellowing of the leaves and stunting of plants, particularly on the lighter soils under dry conditions. Damage occurs in a circular pattern ranging from a few metres to over 50 metres in diameter and may resemble nutrient deficiency, flooding, chemical injury, or root rot damage. Roots of infected plants may be dark and have few nodules. White to brown cysts less than 1 mm in diameter may be visible on roots. If you suspect SCN damage, contact your local OMAF Soils and Crops Specialist. See OMAF Factsheet, *The Soybean Cyst Nematode*, Agdex 141/628.

The following recommendations will decrease the likelihood of this pest infesting your fields:

1. Plant pedigreed seed.
2. Wash soil off farm equipment when moving it between infested fields or farms.
3. Use proper soil conservation practices to reduce soil movement between fields.
4. If SCN has been diagnosed in a field, establish a rotation with non-hosts such as corn or small grains. Do not plant soybeans, white or kidney beans, or peas, in that field for four to five years.
5. Where crop rotation is not feasible use resistant varieties in consultation with your OMAF Soil and Crops Specialist.

## INSECTS AND MITES

**Insects** Insect damage is seldom enough to cause soybean yield losses in Ontario. Green cloverworms may be prevalent in some years. Control measures for green cloverworms are listed in Table 76 in the *Dry Edible Bean* section. Follow precautions for handling chemicals. See *Pesticides* section.

**Mites** These are occasional pests of soybeans. The adults are tiny, rounded, eight-legged and are yellowish-brown in color. Both the adults and the immature feed on plant juices from the underside of leaves. Their feeding causes yellowing, curling and bronzing of the leaves. A close examination will show fine webbing on the lower surfaces of the foliage.

Mites are often found in soybeans about the time corn is silking. They usually move in from fence and hedge rows,

especially in periods of drought as the weeds dry down. Mites also move into soybean fields as grain and other crops mature. There are many generations a year. Four or more mites per leaf or one severely damaged leaf per plant prior to pod-fill causes concern as crop yields are affected. Heavy rainfall reduces mite populations in soybeans.

Consult your local OMAF field crop specialist for further information.

### WEED CONTROL IN SOYBEANS

For weed control recommendations see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control.*

# FORAGE CROPS

## CROP MANAGEMENT

### Species Selection

**Species and Mixtures** Forage species are divided into two groups – legumes and grasses. Legumes, when inoculated with the correct rhizobium bacteria, are able to meet much of their nitrogen needs by nitrogen fixation from the air. Grasses do not fix nitrogen. Legumes in Ontario include alfalfa, bird's-foot trefoil, red and white clovers. Grasses include timothy, bromegrass and orchardgrass. Legumes are valued in rotation because they leave nitrogen for the following crop. The fine fibrous root system of grasses has a beneficial effect on soil structure and tilth.

Forages are seldom grown in pure stands. They are typically seeded in mixtures of two or more species, selected to meet specific needs. Properly managed mixtures are more productive, more persistent and less prone to weed invasion than either grass or legumes grown alone. Factors which should be considered when selecting a mixture include: (a) the intended use of the stand, whether for hay, pasture or erosion control; (b) soil conditions likely to affect the stand, such as pH, drainage, or compaction; (c) the expected lifespan of the stand; and (d) the relative maturities of the components of the mixture. Refer to the individual species tables (Tables 24 to 33) to match the maturities of selected species. Refer to the species characteristic information and Figures 2 and 3 for detailed information on each species you are considering for a mixture. Recommended mixtures for stored feeds, pasture and intensive pasture are shown in Table 35.

In bird's-foot trefoil, timothy and orchardgrass, there is substantial variation in maturity among varieties. Use this variation to advantage when designing mixtures for specific uses.

**Soil and Fertility Factors** Forage species differ in their sensitivity to soil conditions. Species such as alfalfa require adequate drainage and soil pH above 6.0. The other legumes are less demanding, while grasses are generally most tolerant of adverse soil conditions. Both legumes and grasses respond to phosphate and potash fertility. Grasses grown alone also require nitrogen for high yields. For more information, see *Fertilizers for Forage Crops* Section, and the OMAF Factsheet, *Fertilizer Practices for Alfalfa Production*, Agdex 121/542.

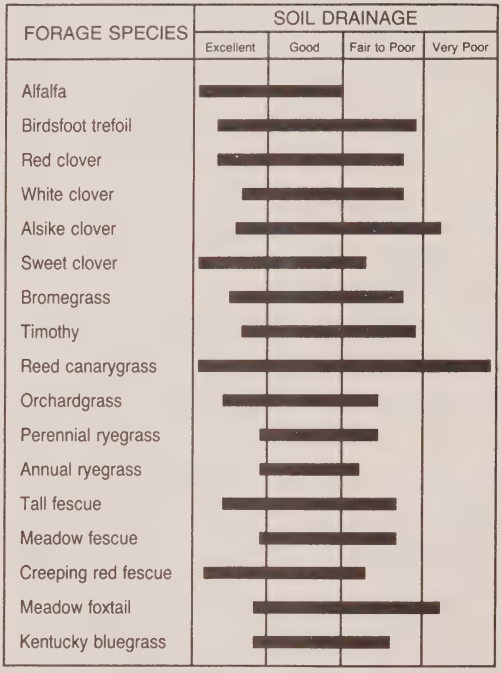


**Figure 2. Soil Drainage Requirements of Forage Species**

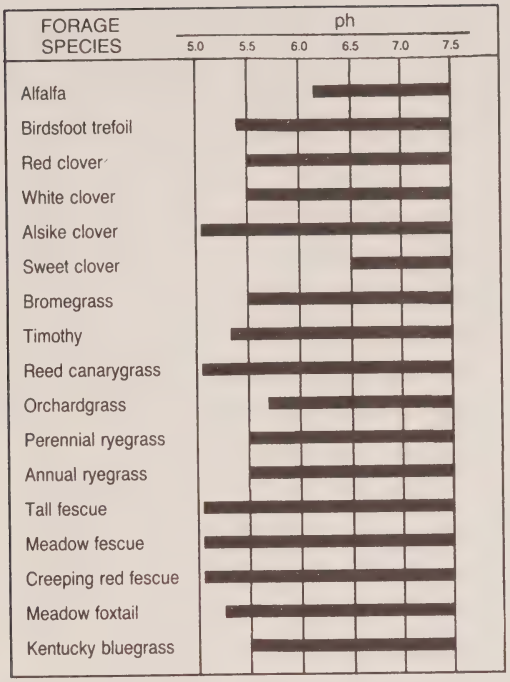


**Figure 3. pH Range for Forage Species**

## Establishment

**Seed Quality** Quality seed is particularly important when establishing a perennial crop. Sow certified #1 seed to be sure of variety, germination standard and reasonable freedom from weed seeds.

**Legume Inoculation** Legume seed should be inoculated with rhizobium bacteria before sowing. Seed coated in the current season is a good method of inoculation. Each legume species requires its own specific strain of rhizobium for proper nodulation. If the legume being planted has never been grown on the field before, proper inoculation is vital to a successful stand. Since inoculant must be alive, note the expiry date and handling precautions on the packet to ensure effective nitrogen fixation.

**Time of Seeding** Chance of successful establishment is highest with early spring seedings. Summer seeding, not later than mid-August, can succeed if moisture is adequate for germination. Legumes seeded in September or October rarely survive the winter. September seeding of grasses may be successful.

**Seeding Rates** The amount of seed recommended in Table 35 is intended for average to good conditions. When seeding early on a fine firm seedbed, particularly if band seeding, these rates may be reduced by 25%. When coated seed is used, do not reduce these rates because coated seed contains fewer seeds per unit weight.

**Depth of Seeding** Forage establishment requires careful attention to seedbed preparation, because forage seeds are very small. As a rule of thumb, seeds should be placed at a depth of about 1 cm. Percentage emergence declines rapidly if forage seeds are planted more than 2 cm deep.

**Table 23. Seeds Per Unit of Various Forage Species**

| Crop | Seeds per kg |
|---|---|
| Alfalfa | 440,000 |
| Red Clover | 605,000 |
| White Clover | 1,760,000 |
| Bird's-foot Trefoil | 935,000 |
| Sweet Clover | 572,000 |
| Alsike | 1,540,000 |
| Timothy | 2,706,000 |
| Orchard Grass | 1,439,000 |
| Bromegrass | 300,000 |
| Meadow & Tall Fescue | 506,000 |
| Perennial Rye Grass | 500,000 |
| Reed Canary Grass | 1,173,000 |
| Bluegrass | 4,790,000 |

**Companion Crop vs. Direct Seeding** For many seedings, especially those involving shade tolerant legumes such as alfalfa and red clover, establishment can be successful with either a companion crop or a direct seeding. If straw or grain are required, or if annual grass weeds are a problem, or if the site is erosion-prone, then sowing with a companion crop may be desirable. Companion crops differ in their aggressiveness, with oats being least competitive and winter wheat being most competitive. For most forages, oats seeded at no more than 60 kg/ha is the best choice. At higher grain seeding rates or when lodging is a problem, the companion crop should be harvested early, either at the milk stage for silage or when knee-high by grazing. Because the companion crop competes with the establishing forage crop for light, a direct seeding is preferred for shade intolerant species, such as bird's-foot trefoil. Weed control, with herbicides or clipping, is usually essential for successful direct seedings. For weed control recommendations, see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*.

## Management for Stored Feed

Optimum harvest dates for forages are a compromise between needs for yield, quality and persistence. As the crop matures, dry matter yields and persistence increase but digestibility and percentage of protein decrease. The general recommendation is to harvest at bud to 1/10 bloom for legumes and at boot to heads emerging stage for grasses. In the more southerly regions of Ontario, 2 to 3 harvests may be expected each year, while in the more northerly region, only 1 or 2 harvests may be feasible.

**Forage quality** is a measure of the value of the forage to the animal. In the absence of anti-quality components (eg. alkaloids), feeding value is determined by: (1) the intake potential, which is the amount of forage the animal will consume; and (2) the nutrient value, consisting of digestible energy, protein, vitamins and minerals. A high quality forage has

nutrients in a form that are easily used by the animal. The forage is quickly broken down and passed from the rumen. This rapid passage through the rumen allows the animal to eat more forage. This higher intake allows the animal to take in more nutrients to grow faster or produce more milk.

Neutral detergent fibre (NDF) is the best indicator of the intake potential of a forage. The lower the NDF value, the greater is the intake potential. Acid detergent fibre (ADF) is often used to estimate the digestible energy level. The lower the ADF value, the greater the digestible energy.

Energy, protein and intake potential differ among forage species, but the major factor affecting forage quality is the stage of growth of the forage at cutting or grazing.

At the early bud stage for legumes or the early heading stage for grasses, yield of quality forage and persistence are optimized. If harvested at an earlier stage of development, yield and persistence are reduced. If harvested at a later stage, protein, energy and intake potential of the forage is decreased.

Low soil fertility will result in lower forage yield, and also lower the mineral content of the forage. Drought can cause high fibre levels in relatively young forage. But neither of these factors will affect quality as much as cutting date.

A further benefit of harvesting early at maximum nutrient level is that there is more time for regrowth for additional harvesting or grazing.

**Dry Hay** Fresh grass and legume forages are conserved in various forms for storage and feeding during the winter months. With good management, drying long hay down to 16 to 18% moisture, either in the field or with artificial barn drying, can save most of the yield and quality of the standing forage. See OMAF Factsheet, *Barn Hay Drying*, Agdex 120/736.

Field losses, including those caused by mowing, respiration, conditioning, raking and baling, reduce yield by at least 20%, even in the absence of rainfall. Mowing losses are greater with a flail-type than with a cutter-bar or rotary mower. Prolonged field drying increases respiration losses (up to 4% of total yield per day) and exposes hay to weathering and rainfall losses. Rainfall is most damaging to digestibility and palatability as well as to yield when it falls late in the drying cycle. Mechanical conditioning usually speeds up drying, especially on first cut crops, but can also increase vulnerability to rainfall damage and shattering losses during raking or baling. Raking losses increase as moisture content decreases, particularly below 40% moisture. Baler pickup and chamber losses can be reduced by raking light windrows together and by travelling at maximum ground speed. Baling losses with large round balers can exceed those with rectangular balers. Legumes are more susceptible to losses than are grasses, whether due to rainfall or to losses during tedding, raking and baling.

Because grasses dry faster than legumes, they are often included in a legume mixture to hasten field drying. However, as protein level is usually lower in grasses than in legumes, care must be taken in harvest and fertility management and in species selection, to keep the percentage of grass at acceptable levels.

In recent years, drying agents and hay preservatives have come on the market, providing additional aids to successful haymaking.

Drying agents such as potassium carbonate, which are applied at the time of cutting, reduce drying time up to a full day when the following rules are observed: (a) apply to legume-dominant stands only, as drying agents do not work on grasses; (b) be generous with the recommended water volume, because the water distributes the produce throughout the forage. Uneven distribution can result in hot spots, from which mold will spread in baled hay; (c) lay the cut forage in a wide windrow, to reduce windrow resistance to water loss; (d) be ready to harvest when the hay is ready, to avoid overdrying and leaf loss; (e) remember that a drying agent won't compensate for bad weather or poor harvest management.

Products which enable baling at higher than 20% moisture can reduce field drying time by half a day or more, reducing exposure to rainfall damage and lessening leaf loss. Propionic acid-bases preservatives are reliable, provided that the rate of product used is suitable for the moisture of the treated hay.

**Hay Marketing** Interest in producing hay as a cash crop has been increasing in Ontario. The horse market is very competitive and unpredictable, with buyers purchasing from whoever can supply them with the best product at the best price. Alfalfa/timothy mixtures are the most desirable.

Colour, odour and freedom from dust are of primary concern in the horse market and results of feed testing for factors such as crude protein, ADF and NDF are of secondary importance. Trainers of valuable recreational horses require a bright green, leafy hay. Extra care must be taken by the grower and trucker to supply hay that is free of dust and foreign material. A firm, tight bale weighing 27 to 32 kg (60 to 79 lb) is preferred by the American horse market. This weight helps to offset the high cost of long distance hay transport, while still being manageable by the labor hired to unload shipments. To accommodate truckers, suppliers of hay should have good access to year round storage facilities.

**Haylage and Silage** Ensiling preserves and maintains the nutritional value of forage by creating anaerobic conditions which favor the growth of lactic acid forming bacteria. Production of lactic acid by the bacteria lowers the pH of the forage until it reaches about pH 4.2, after which all bacterial growth ceases. The ensiled forage is then effectively "pickled", and if undisturbed, can remain in this state indefinitely. The longer it takes to reach this state, however, the greater will be the loss of nutritional value due to microbial degradation.

Successful ensiling requires attention to: (a) proper forage moisture content, because moisture excludes air; (b) a tight silo to prevent entry of fresh air; and (c) the availability of sugars, which support the growth of lactic acid forming bacteria. Legumes such as alfalfa are more difficult to ensile than grasses, because legumes resist lowering of the pH more than grasses, and have a lower sugar content.

The application of a bacterial silage inoculant to alfalfa forage at 50 to 65% moisture often increases the rate of fermentation and the degree of acidification of the silage. This can improve silage quality and increase dry matter recovery. There is some indication that the application of an inoculant will reduce the conversion of plant proteins to soluble forms of nitrogen and to ammonia. Silage stability in the presence of air, animal intake, and animal performance

may be improved. Bacterial silage inoculants are dried or freeze-dried cultures of lactic acid bacteria. They usually contain *Lactobacillus plantarum* alone or in combination with other bacterial species. When applied to the forage, these bacteria grow and produce lactic and acetic acids. The product should supply at least 100,000 live bacteria (colony forming units) per gram of forage, when applied at the recommended rates. Products which are applied as a liquid solution often are more effective than dry powders.

The application of a bacterial silage inoculant will not overcome the effects of poor ensiling practices or poor weather conditions. The products are most effective when combined with good silo management and top quality forage. See OMAF Factsheet, *Harvesting and Storing Big Bale Haylage*, Agdex 120/736.

### Management for Pasture

Pasture can provide a significant portion of ruminant nutrition for up to seven months a year in Ontario. Economical pasture management is the result of good crop and animal management.

Crop management begins with the selection of a pasture mixture that is adapted both to the field and to the demands of grazing. Simple mixtures, with one legume and one or two grasses, have been found to be more productive and easier to maintain than more complex mixtures.

Species which are productive and persistent under intensive grazing are orchardgrass, reed canarygrass, meadow foxtail, the fescues, the bluegrasses and white clover. Species which tolerate less intensive grazing are bromegrass, timothy and bird's-foot trefoil.

To maintain production, pasture soils should be periodically tested and fertilized annually. Phosphorus and potash are essential for both legumes and grasses. Grass pastures will also require nitrogen fertilizer, preferably in split applications during the spring and summer. Some or all of the nitrogen requirements may be met by manure. For more information, refer to *Fertilizers for Forage Crops*.

Grazing management influences seasonal yield, grazing efficiency, and persistence. Harvest efficiency by grazing stock drops sharply when the pasture is kept either too tall and mature or too short and sparse. A pasture is ready to graze when forage growth is about 15 to 20 cm tall, and before the grasses have headed out.

For further information on all aspects of pasture, see OMAF Publication 19, *Pasture Production*.



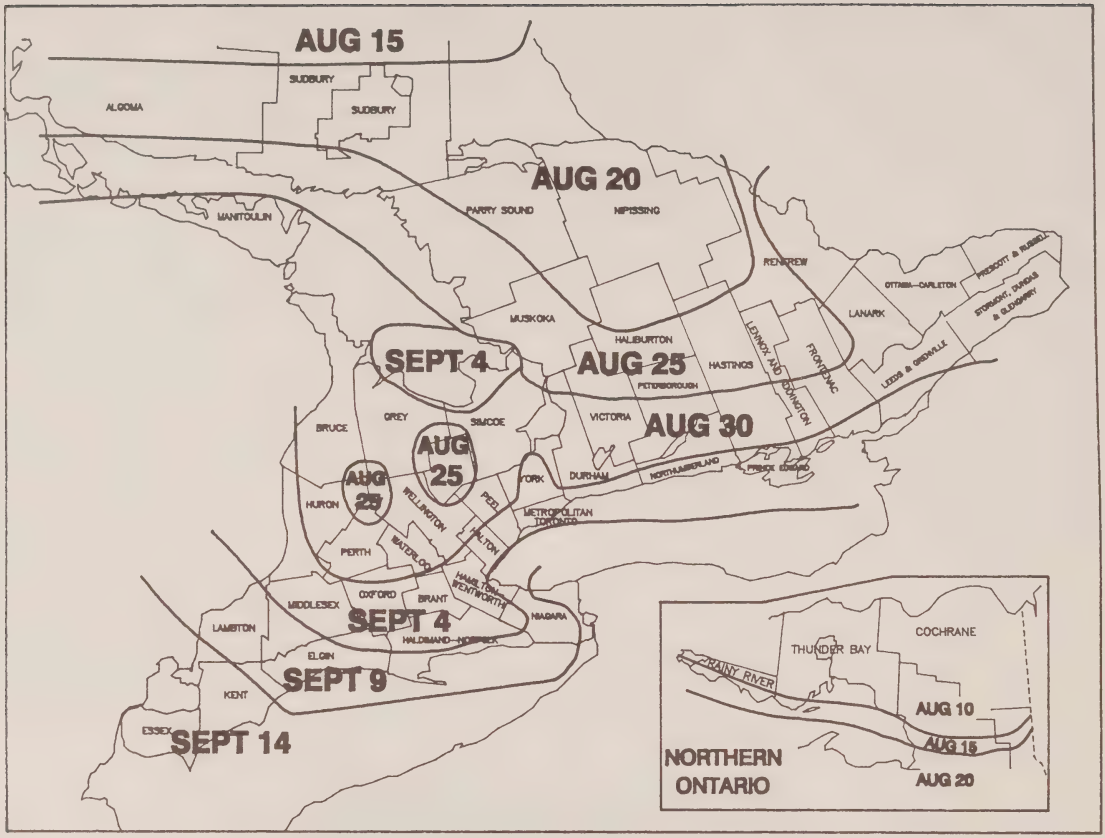


**Figure 4. Start of the Critical Fall Harvest Period for Alfalfa**

**To ensure persistence and succeeding yields, do not harvest alfalfa during a six week period following the date shown on the map for each region.**

## Adaptation of Forage Species and Varieties

### Alfalfa

When managed for quality feed, alfalfa usually persists for three or four years. Alfalfa-based mixtures produce higher yields of stored feeds or green chop than any other mixture. For high yields and persistence, alfalfa requires well-drained soil, adequate phosphorus and potash, a pH above 6.0, and proper harvest management.

Alfalfa is sensitive to winter stresses. Application of potassium, where a requirement is indicated by soil test, will increase the level of tolerance to low temperature. (See *Fertilizers for Forage Crops* Section.)

Harvests should be timed to allow uninterupted growth during the "critical fall harvest period". This allows the plants to build up root energy reserves and produce sufficient top growth which will hold snow and insulate the overwintering plant. This ensures vigorous spring growth, stand persistence, and reduces damage due to heaving. Cutting during the critical fall harvest period reduces the amount of top growth, thus reducing the potential insulation around the overwintering tissue. The critical fall harvest period is approximately a 6-week period and varies with location in the province. Regional dates for the start of the critical fall harvest period are shown in Figure 4 for alfalfa.

Cutting during this period increases the risk of winter injury or kill.

**Table 24. Recommended Alfalfa Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Saranac)[3] S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Disease Reaction[2] Verticillium Wilt | Phytophthora Root Rot | Bacterial Wilt | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Admiral | 101 | 96 | R | R | R | First Line Seeds |
| Advance | 104 | 101 | R | S | R | Mapleseed Inc. |
| Algonquin | 97 | 101 | S | S | HR | Public |
| Alouette | 99 | 102 | S | S | R | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Ambassador | 104 | 100 | R | R | R | Pride Brand Seeds |
| Anchor | 99 | 100 | S | S | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Angus | 98 | 102 | S | S | HR | Public |
| Apica | 104 | 104 | S | S | R | United Cooperatives of Ontario |
| Apollo II | 99 | 95 | MR | HR | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Apollo Supreme | 102 | – | R | R | HR | Mapleseed Inc. |
| Armor | 101 | 99 | S | R | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Arrow | 104 | 102 | R | HR | HR | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Award | 101 | 98 | S | S | R | Speare Seeds |
| Bell Ringer | 105 | 103 | MR | S | R | King Agro |
| Centurion | 102 | 100 | R | R | HR | United Cooperatives of Ontario |
| Champion | 102 | – | MR | MR | R | Parsons Seeds |
| Chief | 103 | 103 | R | HR | HR | Jacques Canada |
| Citation | 102 | 104 | S | S | R | Mapleseed Inc. |
| Comsel | 99 | – | S | HR | R | Norcan Seeds, Speare Seeds |
| Crown | 103 | 103 | R | R | R | Cargill Hybrid Seeds |
| Crusader | 100 | 103 | MR | R | HR | Pride Brand Seeds |
| DK-125 | 104 | 103 | R | R | HR | Dekalb Canada |
| DK-135 | 102 | 97 | MR | MR | MR | Dekalb Canada |
| Eagle | 101 | 97 | MR | MR | HR | Cargill Hybrid Seeds |
| Edge | 102 | 102 | R | R | R | First Line Seeds |
| Excalibur | 103 | 103 | R | S | R | United Cooperatives of Ontario |
| Glory | 100 | 100 | S | S | R | Speare Seeds |
| G-2852 | 104 | 102 | R | R | HR | Funk Seeds |
| Horizon | 104 | – | HR | HR | HR | Pride Brand Seeds |
| Hunter | 100 | 99 | S | S | R | Rothwell Seeds |
| Husky | 103 | 102 | S | MR | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Iroquois | 99 | 100 | S | S | HR | Public |
| Legend | 105 | – | R | HR | HR | Northrup King Seeds |
| Magnum | 100 | 101 | S | S | HR | Funk Seeds |
| Magnum Plus | 101 | 100 | S | R | R | Funk Seeds |
| Mohawk | 98 | 98 | S | S | HR | Rothwell Seeds, United Cooperatives of Ontario |
| Noble | 102 | – | S | S | R | United Cooperatives of Ontario |
| OAC Minto | 102 | 102 | S | S | R | Speare Seeds, Bishop Seeds |
| Olinda | 99 | – | S | HR | R | SeCan member |
| Oneida VR | 101 | 103 | HR | R | R | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Peak | 102 | 101 | S | MR | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Pinnacle | 101 | 101 | R | MR | HR | Hyland Seeds |
| Preserve | 103 | 101 | S | MR | R | Northrup King Seeds |
| Saranac | 100 | 100 | S | S | R | Public |
| Shield | 101 | 97 | R | R | HR | Rothwell Seeds |
| Spectrum | 101 | 98 | S | MR | R | Labonte Seeds, Hyland Seeds |
| Sure | 103 | 102 | R | R | HR | Northrup King Seeds |
| Surpass | 103 | 105 | R | R | HR | Oseco Inc. |
| Thor | 100 | 100 | S | S | HR | Northrup King Seeds |
| Thunder | 100 | 96 | S | R | R | Oseco Inc. |
| Tomahawk | 102 | 104 | MR | MR | R | Speare Seeds |
| Trumpetor | 98 | 98 | MR | S | MR | Northrup King Seeds |
| Turbo | 102 | 100 | S | R | R | Pickseed Canada Inc. |

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**Table 24. Recommended Alfalfa Varieties (Cont.)**

| Variety | Yield (% of Saranac)[3] S. Ontario | Yield (% of Saranac)[3] N. Ontario | Disease Reaction[2] Verticillium Wilt | Disease Reaction[2] Phytophthora Root Rot | Disease Reaction[2] Bacterial Wilt | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ultra | 104 | 102 | R | R | R | Hyland Seeds |
| Verta + | 104 | 101 | R | R | HR | Speare Seeds |
| Victory | 100 | 98 | R | S | HR | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Vista | 99 | 100 | S | S | R | Pickseed Canada Inc., Mapleseed Inc. |
| WL 222 | 100 | 101 | S | MR | R | King Agro, Speare Seeds |
| WL 316 | 101 | 97 | R | MR | MR | King Agro, Speare Seeds |
| 88 | 102 | 100 | R | MR | R | Mapleseed Inc. |
| 120 | 104 | 102 | S | R | HR | Dekalb Canada |
| 526 | 103 | 100 | S | S | HR | Pioneer Hi-Bred |
| 532 | 102 | 101 | S | S | HR | Pioneer Hi-Bred |
| 5311 | 105 | 101 | S | S | R | Pioneer Hi-Bred |
| 5364 | 107 | – | MR | MR | R | Pioneer Hi-Bred |
| 5432 | 100 | 101 | R | MR | HR | Pioneer Hi-Bred |

*Average yield of Saranac in southern Ontario trials 10.7 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 8.5 t/ha.*

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

[2]*HR = Highly Resistant (more than 50% resistant plants).*
*R = Resistant (31 to 50% resistant plants).*
*MR = Moderately resistant (15 to 30% resistant plants).*
*S = Susceptible (less than 15% resistant plants).*

[3]*A dash ( – ) indicates less than three public tests available, thus a yield figure is not included.*

## Bird's-foot Trefoil

Bird's-foot trefoil is a legume which is well suited to permanent pasture. If managed to allow natural reseeding, trefoil pastures can remain productive for 10 or more years. Although lower yielding than alfalfa, it is well adapted to steep rolling land or where drainage or pH are marginal for other legumes. Heavy grazing or cutting of trefoil during the critical fall harvest period will weaken the stand and reduce vigor the following year. In southern Ontario, the critical fall harvest period for bird's-foot trefoil is about 10 days earlier than for alfalfa at any given location (Figure 4). In northern Ontario, the period shown in Figure 4 for alfalfa can also be applied to bird's-foot trefoil.

Bird's-foot trefoil is a nonbloating legume, which is especially advantageous for pasture use.

**Table 25. Recommended Bird's-foot Trefoil Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Leo) S. Ontario | Yield (% of Leo) N. Ontario | First Flower (Guelph) | First Flower (Kapuskasing) | Regrowth | Variable Drainage Tolerance | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leo | 100 | 100 | June 23 | June 30 | Medium to Slow | Good | Public Variety |
| Upstart | 102 | 96 | June 23 | June 30 | Medium to Slow | Good | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Empire | 98 | 96 | July 1 | July 7 | Slow | Excellent | Public Variety |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Leo in southern Ontario trials 8.5 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 5.8 t/ha.*

## Red Clover

Red Clover is a short-lived perennial which is best suited to short-term haylage or silage production, as red clover is difficult to cure as hay. Timothy is the best grass to use with red clover. It is usually not recommended in pasture mixtures because of its poor persistence, its ability to suppress other legume establishment in the seeding year, and its tendency to cause bloat. However, it is very useful for renovating run-down pastures by broadcast seeding or "frost" seeding. The competitive nature of red clover insures a good catch and a rapid and substantial increase in pasture yield. Normally the catch will not be great enough to be a bloat hazard. See OMAF Factsheet, *Pasture Renovation*, Agdex 136/22.

Red clover is a bloat-causing legume which should be used only with caution and judgement in a pasture mix.

Double-cut or "medium" red clover is generally more popular than single-cut or "mammoth" red clover. Double-cut red clover will flower in the seeding year, and regrowth after cutting is strong and vigorous. Single-cut red clover is slower growing, with larger stems, and matures about two weeks later than double-cut. It does not flower in the seeding year, or after the first cut in succeeding years.

The recommended double-cut varieties of red clover tend to be more persistent than commercial Canada #1 double cut, and are recommended wherever the stand will be harvested for more than one year.

**Table 26. Recommended Double-Cut Red Clover Varieties**

| | Yield (as % of Florex) | | | | First Flower | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Southern Ontario | | Northern Ontario | | | | |
| Variety | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 1 | Year 2 | (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
| Arlington | 99 | 93 | 93 | 91 | June 15 | June 29 | Public Variety |
| Atlas | 103 | 99 | 102 | – | June 16 | June 30 | Northrup King Seeds |
| Florex | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | June 18 | July 2 | Northrup King Seeds |
| Prosper 1 | 101 | 96 | 98 | 99 | June 18 | July 2 | King Agro |
| Persist | 102 | 98 | 106 | – | June 19 | July 3 | Northrup King Seeds |
| Walter | 105 | – | 101 | – | June 17 | July 1 | Pickseed Canada Inc., Mapleseed Inc. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Florex, southern Ontario trials 9.5 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 6.5 t/ha.*

**Red Clover Plowdown** High seedling vigor and rapid establishment have made red clover a popular crop for soil improvement in cash crop rotations. When sown for plowdown, red clover is usually seeded with a cereal crop and then plowed under in late fall of the establishment year or early the next spring. Red clover seed may be broadcast or included in the spring application of dry or liquid nitrogen on winter wheat. When establishing red clover under a spring grain, early cereal seeding will minimize lodging and harvest problems. When used in this manner, a full stand 40 cm in height at fall plowing can contribute excellent soil tilth and substantial nitrogen to the following crop (see *Nitrogen Adjustment of Legumes Plowed Down*). Generally, double-cut red clover produces more top growth than single-cut.

There appears to be no advantage to sowing pedigreed vs common lots of red clover.

Much of the advantage of added nitrogen is obtained in the seeded year, but some additional improvement in soil structure is obtained by leaving the stand for another year. On land with no history of red clover, inoculation of the seed with the appropriate Rhizobium culture will ensure the nitrogen contribution.

## White Clover

White clover is a short-lived perennial which persists as a stand primarily by self-seeding. Unlike the other legumes, white clover stems are horizontal rather than vertical, which makes white clover particularly well adapted to close, intensive grazing. It is exceptionally palatable and digestible, because the grazed forage is almost entirely leaves.

White clover is a bloating legume, but because of its low growth habit, it seldom accounts for a large enough share of total yield to constitute a hazard.

Of the three general types of white clover – ladino, white Dutch and small wild white – ladino is the most vigorous. Compared to the other types, ladino white clover is distinguished by greater height and broader leaf blades, and is the type most commonly sown in Ontario.

**Table 27. Recommended White Clover Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Sacramento) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|
| California Ladino | 105 | 99 | Public Variety |
| Canopy | 106 | 100 | Most Distributors |
| Merit | 109 | 103 | Public Variety |
| Sacramento | 100 | 100 | Tib Szego Associates Ltd. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Sacramento, southern Ontario trials 6.1 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 4.7 t/ha.*

## Sweetclover

Sweetclover is a biennial legume with a deep tap root that is useful for soil improvements, pasture, hay and silage. It is valued as a "bee" plant as it is a good source of nectar and pollen and produces a honey that is favored by consumers.

Sweetclover grows slowly in the first year and does not flower. In the spring of the second year, sweetclover grows quickly, becoming a tall, coarse-stemmed plant ranging in height from 150 to 200 cm.

There are two types of sweetclover, white flowered and yellow flowered. White sweetclover is deeper rooting, taller and coarser than the yellow type and is therefore more suitable for plowdown. Yellow sweetclover is more palatable to livestock and more attractive to bees.

Mouldy sweetclover hay may contain dicoumarol, which can prevent normal blood clotting and result in the death of livestock from bleeding. The low coumarin yellow-blossom variety Norgold has reduced potential for formation of dicoumarol. Sweetclover can cause bloat when pastured.

## Timothy

Timothy is the most widely sown forage grass in Ontario, primarily because of its compatibility with alfalfa for either hay or silage. It is a bunchgrass with limited tillering ability, making it non-aggressive when sown with other grasses or legumes. Because of its very small seed, it is easy to establish in mixture with small seeded legumes. Because it is well adapted to heavier soils and variably drained fields, timothy is commonly sown as stand insurance in new seedings with legumes. Although palatable and high yielding in the spring, it tends to have weaker regrowth than the other grasses, and is susceptible to mid-season drought and high temperature.

## Bromegrass

Bromegrass is a more aggressive grass than timothy owing to its rhizomatous growth habit. It is earlier than timothy, and more drought tolerant, resulting in somewhat better mid-season production than timothy. Its real strength is in spring and fall growth.

Brome is palatable and tends to retain its nutritional value with increasing maturity better than most grasses. Its weaknesses include a very large fluffy seed, which makes seeding more difficult and may result in thin stands of brome in the first year or two. Its rhizomes do allow it to thicken up in the stand over time. It tends to stay in the stand better than timothy under a three cut early harvest system.

**Table 28. Recommended Timothy Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Climax) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Regrowth | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toro | 91 | 98 | June 20 | July 3 | Good | Oseco Inc. |
| Basho | 97 | 102 | June 22 | July 2 | Good | SeCan Member |
| Richmond | 100 | 101 | June 22 | July 2 | Good | Mapleseed Inc., Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Champ | 100 | 103 | June 23 | July 1 | Good | Public |
| Mariposa | 101 | 97 | June 24 | July 2 | Good | United Co-operatives of Ontario |
| Nike | 101 | 102 | June 24 | July 1 | Fair | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Itasca | 100 | 100 | June 25 | July 3 | Fair | United Co-operatives of Ontario |
| Carola | 106 | 97 | June 26 | July 2 | Good | Oseco Inc. |
| Alexander | 101 | 99 | June 26 | July 4 | Fair | Speare Seeds |
| Argus | 104 | 104 | June 26 | July 4 | Fair | King Agro |
| Timfor | 102 | 101 | June 26 | July 3 | Fair | Northrup King Seeds |
| Climax | 100 | 100 | June 28 | July 5 | Fair | Public |
| Glenmor | 100 | 88 | June 28 | July 3 | Good | Northrup King Seeds |
| Winmor | 102 | 96 | June 29 | July 6 | Fair | Northrup King Seeds |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Climax, southern Ontario trials 10.3 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 7.9 t/ha.*

**Table 29. Recommended Bromegrass Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Baylor) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baylor | 100 | 100 | June 10 | June 26 | Oseco Inc. |
| Beacon | 100 | 102 | June 10 | June 25 | United Co-operatives of Ontario |
| Bravo | 97 | 105 | June 10 | June 25 | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Saratoga | 96 | 101 | June 10 | June 24 | Public |
| Tempo | 92 | 100 | June 10 | June 24 | Pickseed Canada Inc., Mapleseed Inc. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Baylor, southern Ontario trials 10.4 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 7.5 t/ha.*

## Orchardgrass

Orchardgrass is earlier and much more aggressive than either timothy or brome. It is a bunch grass, and will tend to form tough, unpalatable clumps unless harvested regularly at early maturity. Orchardgrass requires much more frequent and intensive harvest than would be appropriate for either timothy or bromegrass. It responds well to high rates of nitrogen and regrows rapidly, especially in the spring. It is reasonably palatable when young, but both palatability and digestibility drop faster than with other grasses as it matures. It is the most drought-tolerant grass available in Ontario, but it does require well-drained soils to perform well. Icing or flooding will kill orchardgrass more easily than other grasses.

**Table 30. Recommended Orchardgrass Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Hallmark) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hallmark | 100 | 100 | June 2 | June 15 | United Co-operatives of Ontario |
| Juno | 99 | 101 | June 2 | June 15 | Mapleseed Inc., Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Rapido | 101 | 99 | June 4 | June 16 | Pickseed Canada Inc. |
| Napier | 100 | 101 | June 8 | June 16 | Oseco Inc. |
| Rancho | 97 | 103 | June 10 | June 16 | United Co-operatives of Ontario |
| Sumas | 102 | 103 | June 12 | June 18 | Oseco Inc. |
| Kay | 99 | 105 | June 12 | June 18 | Oseco Inc. |
| Mobite | 105 | 106 | June 14 | June 21 | Parsons Seeds |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Hallmark, southern Ontario trials 9.5 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 6.2 t/ha.*

## Reed Canarygrass

Reed canarygrass is best known for its exceptional tolerance of excessive soil moisture, including prolonged flooding. It is very high yielding for either long-term hay or pasture, under both high moisture and droughty conditions.

Because it can grow so tall, reed canarygrass can outcompete other species in a mixture unless harvested at the proper maturity. However, in a three cut system, it does not crowd alfalfa. It loses palatability and digestibility fairly quickly if harvested after the boot stage. It is an early grass, heading out just before bromegrass, so must be cut earlier than timothy mixtures.

The germination percentage of reed canarygrass seed drops quickly in seed more than one year old. Seedling vigor is also low. Thus it is important to use fresh high quality seed.

In the past, reed canarygrass varieties contained alkaloids, which depressed intake and reduced animal performance. All the presently recommended varieties are free of the undesirable alkaloids and give much improved animal performance.

**Table 31. Recommended Reed Canarygrass Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Vantage) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vantage | 100 | 100 | June 10 | June 24 | Pickseed Canada Inc., Mapleseed Inc. |
| Venture | 102 | 90 | June 11 | June 24 | Speare Seeds |
| Palaton | 99 | 94 | June 11 | June 25 | Oseco Inc. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Vantage, southern Ontario trials 11.8 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 8.5 t/ha.*

## Meadow Foxtail

Meadow foxtail is a long-lived perennial grass which resembles timothy in appearance and is well adapted to intensive pasture management. It performs well on poorly drained soils, has very early spring growth, and responds well to nitrogen. Midsummer production during periods of high temperature and drought may be low. Seed is light, fluffy and hairy, and therefore, should be coated prior to seeding.

**Table 32. Recommended Meadow Foxtail Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Mountain) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dan | 98 | 100 | May 15 | May 30 | Oseco Inc. |
| Mountain | 100 | 100 | May 12 | May 27 | Pickseed Canada Inc., Mapleseed Inc. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Mountain southern Ontario trials 9.2 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 5.3 t/ha.*

## Tall Fescue

Tall fescue is a coarse leafy grass useful in long-term pasture and in erosion control. It is adapted to most soil types, tolerant of imperfect drainage, and withstands animal traffic well. Recently, a seed-borne systemic fungus (an endophyte) has been linked to poor animal performance on tall fescue pasture. Endophyte-free seed is available and should be sown when tall fescue is seeded for pasture. Once introduced by infected seed, the fungus cannot be controlled in an established stand of tall fescue.

**Table 33. Recommended Tall Fescue Varieties**

| Variety | Yield (% of Stef) S. Ontario | N. Ontario | Heading Date (Guelph) | (Kapuskasing) | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stef | 100 | 100 | – | June 21 | Oseco Inc. |
| Festorina | 98 | 93 | – | June 21 | Oseco Inc. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information section.*

*Average yield of Stef, southern Ontario trials 8.5 t/ha; in northern Ontario trials 6.7 t/ha.*

## Creeping Red Fescue

Creeping red fescue is a dense, sod-forming grass which establishes and spreads vigorously on most soil types, including well-fertilized subsoils. Its solid underground root system and thick, fine, leafy top growth make creeping red fescue an excellent grass for streambank or grass waterway protection. It can also serve as a bottom grass in long-term pastures, and is noted for its extended growth and retained nutritional value in the fall.

## Meadow Fescue

Meadow fescue is a hardy grass used in hay and pasture mixtures. It yields well during the summer and fall and maintains its feed quality later into the season than most grass species.

Meadow fescue is smaller and has finer leaves than tall fescue. Meadow fescue also has a more shallow root system and does not live as long as tall fescue.

## Perennial Ryegrass

Perennial ryegrass is a short-lived perennial that has not yet been shown to have adequate winterhardiness for widespread use in the province. No varieties are yet recommended for use in Ontario. It is early and vigorous in the spring, and grows particularly well during cool weather, allowing frequent grazing. It does not produce well under hot or hot, dry conditions.

Winterkilling is promoted by excessive top growth going into the winter. This can be a problem in alfalfa ryegrass mixtures that are not harvested during the fall. On pure ryegrass stands, late fall nitrogen applications can also promote winterkill. Perennial ryegrass is exceptionally palatable and digestible. It is less competitive than orchardgrass, and does not crowd alfalfa or white clover in a mixture.

## Annual Ryegrass

Annual ryegrass is a rapidly growing bunch grass that is adapted to a wide range of soil conditions. It is a useful species for mid to late season production and is very responsive to nitrogen fertilization. Two types of ryegrass are available and they differ remarkably in their growth habit. The Italian ryegrasses are actually short-lived perennials. However, under Ontario winter conditions, there is usually 100% winterkill. When grown as an annual, the Italian ryegrass remains vegetative, producing a lush leafy growth that usually doesn't grow taller than 40 cm. It is an ideal pasture species and can be grazed as often as five or six times. The Westerwold type is a true annual. It will produce a variable number of heads depending on the variety. The Westerwolds varieties grow to 40-80 cm high making them

suitable for pastures or hay crops. Feed quality decreases rapidly after heading.

## Bluegrasses

Two common bluegrasses in Ontario, Canada and Kentucky, grow on about one million hectares of permanent pasture land. The dense but shallow-rooted bluegrasses produce lush, palatable growth during the springtime but low yields during the dry, hot midsummer in southern Ontario.

Properly fertilized and managed, bluegrass production can be markedly improved, especially in the cooler climate of northern Ontario. In pastures, they serve as a bottom grass that controls weed invasion, withstands close grazing and tramping, and creeps and fills in where other species thin out.

**Table 34. Characteristics of Forage Species Grown in Ontario**

| Species | Suitable For | Persistence, years | Strengths | Cautions |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alfalfa | -Stored Feed | 3-4 S. Ont.<br>2-4 N. Ont. | -Excellent quality<br>-Excellent yield | -May cause bloat<br>-Poor persistence under grazing<br>-Low tolerance to acid or variably drained soil<br>-Needs fall rest period |
| Bird's-foot Trefoil | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 5 +<br>may reseed | -High quality<br>-No bloat hazard<br>-Good tolerance to acid and variably drained soil | -Slow to establish<br>-Slow spring growth and regrowth<br>-Needs fall rest period |
| Red Clover | -Stored Feed<br>-Plowdown<br>-Pasture | 1-2 S. Ont.<br>2-3 N. Ont. | -Excellent 1st year yield<br>-Easy to establish<br>-High quality<br>-Good tolerance to acid or variably drained soil | -May cause bloat<br>-Stand thins rapidly<br>-May cause temporary infertility in grazing sheep<br>-Very competitive, especially with other legumes |
| White Clover | -Pasture | 5 + | -Excellent quality and palatability<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing | -May cause bloat<br>-Low drought tolerance |
| Alsike Clover | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 2-3 (may reseed) | -Very good tolerance to wet, acid soils<br>-Good quality | -Not consistent production from year to year<br>-May lower yields when added to mixtures<br>-May cause bloat |
| Sweetclover | -Plowdown<br>-Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 2 | -Excellent soil builder<br>-Opens up subsoil<br>-Excellent "bee" pasture | -Low palatability unless harvested early<br>-Coumarin content in older varieties causes feeding difficulties |
| Timothy | -Stored Feed | 5 + | -Easy to establish<br>-Good tolerance to variable drainage<br>-Seed is inexpensive | -Poor summer production<br>-Poor persistence of late varieties under 3-cut harvest system |
| Bromegrass | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 5 + | -Excellent spring/fall yield<br>-Good regrowth<br>-Retains quality with maturity | -Large seed size creates seeding problems<br>-More aggressive than timothy |
| Orchard-grass | -Pasture<br>-Stored Feed | 5 | -Very early pasture<br>-Excellent regrowth<br>-Good drought tolerance<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing<br>-Very responsive to N | -Rapidly loses quality and palatability with maturity<br>-Very competitive with other species<br>-Poor tolerance to variable drainage and icing |
| Reed Canary-grass | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 5 + | -Excellent yield on both variably drained and dry soils<br>-Good regrowth | -May be slow to establish<br>-Rapidly loses quality and palatability with maturity |

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**Table 34. Characteristics of Forage Species Grown in Ontario (Cont.)**

| Species | Suitable For | Persistence, years | Strengths | Cautions |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Meadow Foxtail | -Pasture | 5 + | -Easy to establish<br>-Excellent, very early yield<br>-Excellent tolerance to variably drained soil | -Need to use coated seed<br>-Very competitive with other species<br>-Low drought tolerance |
| Tall Fescue | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture<br>-Grass Waterways | 5 + | -High yield<br>-Good summer growth<br>-Good feed quality in fall<br>-Good tolerance to acid soils | -Low palatability<br>-Need endophyte-free seed<br>-Coarse leaves |
| Creeping Red Fescue | -Pasture<br>-Grass Waterways | 5 + | -Good feed quality in fall<br>-Easy to establish<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing and to acid soils<br>-Good regrowth<br>-Excellent soil builder | -Low seasonal yield<br>-Low palatability |
| Meadow Fescue | -Stored Feed<br>-Pasture | 5 | -Good summer yield<br>-Good feed quality in fall<br>-Fine leaves attractive to livestock<br>-Good tolerance to acid soils | -Less persistent and lower yielding than tall fescue<br>-Slow to establish |
| Perennial Ryegrass | -Pasture<br>-Stored Feed | 2-3 S. Ont. | -Excellent quality and palatability<br>-Establishes very quickly<br>-Good regrowth if moisture is adequate<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing | -Poor drought and heat tolerance<br>-Poor tolerance to variably drained soils<br>-Variable persistence |
| Annual Ryegrass | -Pasture<br>-Stored Feed | 1 | -Excellent quality<br>-Establishes quickly<br>-Good fall yield<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing | -Poor drought and heat tolerance<br>-Very competitive with other species |
| Kentucky Bluegrass | -Pasture<br>-Grass Waterways | 5 + | -Good quality and palatability<br>-Good tolerance to close grazing | -Poor summer production<br>-Very slow to establish<br>-Low seasonal yield |

**Table 35. Recommended Forage Mixtures for Stored Feed and Pasture**

| Components | Seeding Rate[1] kg/ha | Recommended For: Stored Feed | Pasture | Intensive Pasture | Specific Recommendations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alfalfa | 13 | X | | | Only on well-drained fields where alfalfa persists well. Easier to cure as silage than as hay. Harvest at bud stage for high protein feed. |
| 2. Alfalfa, Timothy | 13,1 | X | | | Increase timothy up to 4 kg/ha for higher grass content and easier curing. Timothy gives stand insurance in areas prone to alfalfa winterkill. For high quality feed, harvest with timothy in boot stage. On droughty soils, or in areas with over 3100 CHU, bromegrass is preferable to timothy. |
| 3. Alfalfa, Brome | 11,9 | X | | | Will give somewhat better midsummer production than timothy mixture. Retains quality with increasing maturity better than orchard or timothy mixtures. Because of rhizomes, brome can thicken in stand over time. |
| 4. Alfalfa, Orchard | 11,2 | X | | X | Select late orchard and early alfalfa varieties. Graze or cut early to maintain quality and palatability. Percentage grass higher in all cuts than in either timothy or brome mixtures. |
| 5. Alfalfa, Orchard and White Clover | 9,2,2 | X | | X | As 4. High fertility and good grazing management needed for top production. Alfalfa included as insurance against drought, but requires longer regrowth intervals to persist. |
| 6. Alfalfa, Timothy Brome, White Clover | 9,4,9,2 | X | | X | Suitable for hay/pasture combinations. |
| 7. Alfalfa, Orchard Brome, White Clover | 9,3,9,2 | X | | X | As 6, but will provide earlier feed and a higher percentage grass in regrowth. |
| 8. Trefoil, Timothy | 9,2 | X | | | Match maturities of trefoil and timothy varieties. |
| 9. Trefoil, Brome | 9,4 | X | X | | For long-term stands and early production. Graze early to reduce competition from brome. Good yields in fall. |
| 10. Trefoil, Orchard | 8,4 | | | X | Good early and mid-season production. Graze down orchard to reduce competition with trefoil. Later maturing orchard varieties are preferred. |
| 11. Trefoil, Meadow Foxtail[2] | 9,10 | | | X | Extra early production. Graze early to reduce competition from grass. Good tolerance to poor drainage. |
| 12. Trefoil, Tall Fescue[3] | 8,10 | X | X | | Good production throughout the season. Good growth and quality in the fall. |
| 13. Trefoil, Creeping Red Fescue | 8,6 | | X | | Good summer and fall production. Excellent quality in fall. |
| 14. Red Clover | 11 | X | | | Short-term production or plowdown crop. |

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Table 35. Recommended Forage Mixtures for Stored Feed and Pasture (Cont.)

| Components | Seeding Rate[1] kg/ha | Recommended For: Stored Feed | Pasture | Intensive Pasture | Specific Recommendations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. Red Clover, Timothy | 7,6 | X | | | Short-term production. When clover disappears, plowdown or fertilize to maintain production. |
| 16. Red Clover, Alsike, Timothy | 7,2,6 | X | | | As 15, but less clover can be expected in second year. Alsike is more tolerant of acid soils and poor drainage. |
| 17. White Clover, Orchardgrass | 2,9 | | | X | For pasture use where white clover is adapted. High fertility, adequate moisture, and good grazing management required for top production. In dry areas add alfalfa (see 5 above) |

[1]*For early seeding on a fine, firm seedbed, these rates may be reduced by 25% except where coated seed is being used.*
[2]*Use coated seed. It can be seeded through the grain seed box.*
[3]*Use endophyte-free seed.*

# ANNUAL CROPS FOR FORAGE IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

## SPRING PASTURE

**Autumn-seeded fall rye** or **winter triticale** can be grazed for a short period in the spring, preferably after the stems start to form. Seed fall rye at 150 kg/ha, and winter triticale at 100-125 kg/ha. Keep stock off when wet.

## SUMMER GREEN CHOP OR PASTURE

**Sudan Grass Hybrids, Sorghum Hybrids, Sorghum-Sudan Hybrids** Seed from mid-May to early June at about 14 kg/ha in 18 or 36 cm drill rows. Broadcast seeding may be used when growing these hybrids for pasture. The crop is ready for green chop or grazing by late July-August. Do not graze before 75 cm high or during poor growing conditions as **prussic acid poisoning** could occur. If frozen, allow three days following frost before grazing to avoid prussic acid poisoning. Aftermath yields are moderate but high if warm moist weather prevails. Under good nitrogen fertility, these crops can produce large quantities of nutritious, palatable herbage. They are particularly useful to supplement permanent pastures during August and September. These hybrids are not recommended in short season areas because of inconsistent yields and danger of prussic acid poisoning.

**Cereals** Seed any time in the season to produce pasture in six to eight weeks. Seed at 100 kg/ha. Barley is higher yielding than oats, but has lower palatability. Thus, it is better used as silage than as pasture. If pastured early, the cereals show some regrowth. If grazed where the stems are forming, no aftermath production can be expected.

## AUTUMN PASTURE

**Oats** Seeded at 100 kg/ha between mid-July and mid-August, ready for grazing in six weeks.

**Fodder rape** Seed in early to late July at 1.7 kg/ha in 71 cm rows. May be seeded in solid stands, but yields are 25% lower. Pasture in late October. Makes good hog, sheep, or beef pasture. Taints milk and the meat of animals being finished solely on rape.

**Marrowstem kale** Seed from early June to mid-August. Pasture is available eight weeks after seeding. Seed at 2 kg/ha in 71 cm rows or broadcast seed 7 kg/ha. Kale is palatable to all classes of livestock and does not produce off flavors in milk or meat if fed in moderate amounts. Do not graze breeding ewes at mating or in late pregnancy because of the possibility of kale having a high goitrogen content. The varieties **Maris Kestrel** and **Gruner Angiliter** are recommended. Maris Kestrel is distributed by Bishop Seeds. Gruner Angiliter is distributed by Pickseed Canada Inc. and Mapleseed Inc.

**Fall rye** or **Winter Triticale** Either species gives good fall pasture by October 1. Seed rye at 150 kg/ha and triticale at 120 kg/ha.

## SILAGE CROPS

Corn is the most productive silage crop. Any of the cereals make satisfactory silage harvested by the early dough stage. The sudan grass, sorghum and sorghum-sudan hybrids can also be made into silage.

# FORAGES FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

In addition to their role in livestock nutrition, forages may be grown and managed for several additional uses. Legumes such as red clover and sweet clover have long been used as nitrogen-fixing, green manure or plowdown crops, to add organic matter and nitrogen to arable land, and to improve soil structure. They also act as conservers of nutrients, by using those nutrients in the soil and in manure applied in

**Table 36. Recommended Forage Species for Soil Conservation**

| Application | Species | Seeding Rate, kg/ha | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Plowdown and/or Cover Crop | Red Clover | 11 | Double-cut is usually favoured over single-cut red clover; May be seeded under winter wheat or spring grains; or direct seeded for one or more harvests prior to plowdown. |
| | Sweetclover | 10 | Tall, deep-rooting, biennial legume best suited to well-drained, neutral to alkaline soils; drought-resistant; good for opening up compacted soils. |
| Erosion Control, Ground Cover | Crownvetch | 16 | Perennial legume for well-drained sites, such as embankments; forms dense, heavy surface mat; unsuitable for acid soils; often difficult to establish. |
| | Birds-foot Trefoil | 13 | Empire-type varieties are preferred. Should be seeded with a grass. Blends well with creeping red fescue. |
| | Tall Fescue | 22 | Good on high-traffic locations, and for erosion control on diversion terraces, grass waterways, and farm pond dams; tolerant of poor drainage. |
| | Creeping Red Fescue | 35 | Similar uses to tall fescue, but particularly well adapted to dry sites; vigorous fibrous root system. |

mid-season, that may have been lost due to leaching, erosion or volatilization if the crop were not present.

Sod-forming grasses, such as tall fescue and creeping red fescue, are favoured for erosion control for waterways, terraces and buffer strips. Their dense fibrous rooting system holds down the soil and enables water to run off safely. On steep, erosion-prone slopes, crownvetch, birds-foot trefoil or the fescues can be sown to stabilize the soil.

Most of the mixtures sown for stored feed (Table 35) are also suitable for buffer-strips, or for grass waterways, where the drainage is good and the slope is not too severe. Species which establish quickly, tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, and are persistent are the most desirable. Consult the section, *Adaptation of Forage Species and Varieties*, for characteristics of the various forage species.

## FERTILIZERS FOR FORAGE CROPS

### Nitrogen

Stands containing half or more legume do not require nitrogen fertilizers.

Grass stands containing less than one-third legume require large amounts of nitrogen. Where conditions permit, it is generally more profitable to reseed to mixtures containing legumes. It can be profitable to fertilize grass stands consisting of productive species such as brome, orchard, or timothy. The use of nitrogen will also increase the protein level in the grass. The rates of nitrogen recommended for grass stands have been developed on the basis of the price of nitrogen relative to the value of hay (see Table 38). The first application for hay or pasture should be made as early as possible in the spring, followed by a second application after the first cutting and a third application after the second cutting. To avoid the danger of nitrate toxicity no more than 170 kg of N per ha should be applied at any one time.

**Table 37. General Nitrogen Requirements-Perennial Forages**

| Crops | N Required kg/ha[1] |
|---|---|
| Legume or legume-grass at seeding | |
| – without A Nurse Crop | 0 |
| – with A Nurse Crop | 15 |
| Unimproved pasture | 50 |
| Grass for seed | 90 |
| Hay or pasture — ½ or more legume | 0 |
| Hay or pasture — ⅓ to ½ legume | 60 |
| Hay or pasture — grass (less than ⅓ legume) | (See Table 38) |

[1] *100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

### Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for forages are given in Tables 39 and 40. For information on the use of these tables, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

When direct seeding on soils which require phosphate fertilizer, establishment may be improved by the placement of a high phosphate fertilizer 5 cm directly below the seed. Using a grain drill with fertilizer and grass seed attachments, this placement may be accomplished by drilling the fertilizer through the furrow opener and dropping the forage seed on a firm soil surface directly behind the furrow opener. Usually it is advisable to firm the soil surface immediately after seeding.

Potash may be more effective in promoting persistence if it is applied within the six weeks before the start of the fall rest period. Phosphate, if required, may be applied with the potash or at other times of the year.

**Table 38. Nitrogen Requirement Table for Improved Grass Hay or Pasture**

| Value of Hay | Application No.[2] | Cost of Nitrogen Fertilizer — ¢/kg | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
| $/tonne | | N required[1] (kg/ha) | | | |
| 30.00 | 1 | 95 | 75 | 70 | 70 |
| | 2 | 75 | 60 | 50 | 35 |
| | 3 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 |
| 50.00 | 1 | 130 | 125 | 115 | 105 |
| | 2 | 105 | 100 | 90 | 80 |
| | 3 | 85 | 80 | 70 | 65 |
| 70.00 | 1 | 150 | 140 | 135 | 130 |
| | 2 | 120 | 115 | 110 | 100 |
| | 3 | 95 | 90 | 85 | 80 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*For Stored Feed: where manure is applied, reduce the fertilizer application according to the type and amount of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

*For Pasture: all rates should be reduced by one-third because of recycling through manure and urine.*

[2]*First application to be made prior to May 10.*

*Second application to be made after the first cut.*

*Third application to be made after the second cut only if there is reasonable assurance of a third cut.*

**Table 39. Phosphate Requirements for Forages Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | At seeding with or without nurse crop | | Band seeded without a Nurse Crop[1] | | Established hay or pasture | | Unimproved pasture | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$) Required[2] kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$) Required[2] kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$) Required[2] kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$) Required[2] kg/ha |
| 0-3 | LOW | 130 | LOW | 130 | LOW | 180 | LOW | 70 |
| 4-5 | | 110 | | 110 | | 120 | | 60 |
| 6-7 | | 90 | | 90 | | 90 | | 50 |
| 8-9 | | 70 | | 70 | | 60 | | 30 |
| 10-12 | MEDIUM | 50 | MEDIUM | 50 | MEDIUM | 30 | MEDIUM | 20 |
| 13-15 | | 30 | | 40 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 16-20 | | 20 | | 30 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 0 |
| 21-25 | | 20 | | 20 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 26-30 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 20 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| 31-40 | | 0 | | 20 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 41-50 | VERY HIGH | 0 | | 20 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 51-60 | | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 61+ | EXCESSIVE[3] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[3] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[3] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[3] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac*

[1]*For use only where seed is banded directly above the drilled fertilizer.*

[2]*Where manure is applied, reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure Section in Soils). Examples of fertilizer application: An established stand of hay containing over 50% alfalfa would require no nitrogen (see table 37). If it were not manured and the soil tests were 14 phosphorus and 110 for potassium, the phosphate requirement would be 20 kg/ha (from above table) and the potash requirement 70 kg/ha (Table 40). This could be supplied by broadcasting 45 kg (20 ÷ 46 x 100) of 0-46-0/ha and 120 kg (70 ÷ 60 x 100) of 0-0-60/ha prior to the fall rest period.*

[3]*Excessive readings may cause reduced yield or affect nutrient balance in crops and increase the risk of water pollution.*

**Table 40. Potash Requirements for Forages Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | At seeding with or without nurse crop | | Fall applications for new seeding and established stands | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$) Required[1] kg/ha | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$) Required[1] kg/ha |
| 0-15 | LOW | 90 | LOW | 480 |
| 16-30 | | 80 | | 400 |
| 31-45 | | 70 | | 320 |
| 46-60 | | 50 | | 270 |
| 61-80 | | 40 | | 200 |
| 81-100 | MEDIUM | 30 | | 130 |
| 101-120 | | 20 | MEDIUM | 70 |
| 121-150 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 151-180 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 0 |
| 181-250 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| 251 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac*

[1]*Where manure is applied, reduce the fertilizer according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

[2]*Excessive ratings may cause reduced yield or quality of crops primarily due to magnesium deficiency. Natural levels above 251 occur occasionally on clay and clay loam soils, but are not expected to cause problems because soils naturally high in potassium are usually high in magnesium.*

## Plant Analysis

For forage legumes, sample each species separately. The plant cut at normal mowing height at the late bud stage is recommended. However plants suspected of nutrient deficiency should be sampled as soon as the problem appears. Expert help will be required to interpret plant analysis results when the samples are not taken at the late bud stages.

A soil sample should be taken from the same area and at the same time as the plant sample.

For more information on plant analysis see *Plant Analysis* section in *Soils*.

**Table 41. Interpretation of Plant Analysis for Alfalfa[1]**

| Nutrient | Units | Critical Concentration[2] | Maximum Normal Concentration[3] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nitrogen (N) | % | – | 5.5 |
| Phosphorus (P) | % | 0.20 | 0.5 |
| Potassium (K) | % | 1.7 | 3.5 |
| Calcium (Ca) | % | – | 4.0 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | % | 0.20 | 1.0 |
| Sulphur (S) | % | 0.22 | – |
| Boron (B) | ppm | 20 | 90 |
| Copper (Cu) | ppm | 5 | 30 |
| Manganese (Mn) | ppm | 20 | 100 |
| Molybdenum (Mo) | ppm | 0.5 | 5.0 |
| Zinc (Zn) | ppm | 10 | 70 |

[1]*Values apply to the plant cut at normal mowing height at the late bud stage.*

[2]*Yield loss due to nutrient deficiency is expected with nutrient concentrations at or below the "critical" concentration.*

[3]*Maximum normal concentrations are more than adequate but do not necessarily cause toxicities.*

## Micronutrients

The micronutrient boron is particularly important for alfalfa. However, boron fertilizer applications are not required on all soils. Boron deficiency shows up mainly on high pH sandy soils. Boron applications are recommended on all sandy soils and in particular, the sandy loam and loam soils in the area east of the Niagara Escarpment to and including Frontenac County.

A shortage of available boron to the alfalfa plant first affects flowering and reduces seed-set. As the deficiency becomes more serious, the youngest upper leaves of the plant become yellow to red in color in different plants. Growth can be severely stunted and winter hardiness reduced.

Boron deficiency can usually be corrected or prevented by an application of 1.0 to 2.0 kg boron/hectare broadcast annually.

Boron should not be banded at seeding.

Mixtures of herbicides and fertilizers should not be applied to crop foliage unless recommended by competent authorities.

For further details on boron deficiency and on methods of application see OMAF Factsheet, *Boron Requirements of Alfalfa*, Agdex 121/531.

## Manure

Manure is an excellent source of nutrients and can substitute for manufactured fertilizers. It is an excellent source of nitrogen for grasses but forage legumes do not make efficient use of manure nitrogen. Do not apply manure to perennial forage legumes when there is snow cover because

ice frequently forms under the manure and can kill the plants (see *Manure* section in *Soils*).

### Liming

Legumes generally are not tolerant of acid soil conditions. Acid soils should be limed one year before seeding, at rates indicated by soil tests.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN FORAGE CROPS

**(see also Pesticides section)**

### DISEASES

**Verticillium Wilt** of alfalfa now occurs on some farms in most areas of southern Ontario. This fungus disease causes death of alfalfa plants, mainly during the third and later production years. Where the disease is well established on the farm, second year stands can also be affected. Leaves on infected plants wilt, curl inward, and turn a tan brown color. Growth is often considerably stunted and plants eventually die. The disease is spread from older infected stands to younger stands by harvest equipment, insects and manure.

The disease can be controlled by the use of resistant varieties. Consult Table 24 for information on varieties with resistance to Verticillium wilt. For additional information, see OMAF Factsheet, *Verticillium Wilt of Alfalfa*, Agdex 121 600.

**Leafspot diseases, Anthracnose** of alfalfa: **Northern Anthracnose** of red clover. Timely harvesting of forage is important to reduce leaf loss and minimize disease in the regrowth. Clean harvest equipment of crop debris before using the equipment in the spring or when moving from field to field.

**Phytophthora root rot** is a soil-borne disease which can result in root injury or death of alfalfa plants. Young plants in new seedings are particularly prone to damage. The disease shows up in Ontario mainly on poorly drained soils or on clay loam soils during extended periods of wet weather. Consult Table 24 for information on variety resistance to phytophthora root rot.

**Other crown and root rots** of alfalfa and red clover. Stresses such as leaf diseases, insects, frequent or untimely harvests, winter conditions and low soil pH increase severity of crown and root rots. Stresses during the growing season render the plants more susceptible to winter stress. Good crop management practices, especially a good harvesting schedule, and maintenance of adequate soil fertility and proper pH help to reduce disease severity. Control leafhoppers in alfalfa. Avoid mechanical injury of the crowns as much as possible. Crowns are easily injured by machinery and by livestock tramping, especially when the soil is wet.

### INSECTS

**Alfalfa Weevil** Fungal disease and several species of parasites which help to control the weevil are now established throughout Ontario and in most years forage stands do not warrant treatment with insecticides. However sporadic outbreaks will occur and farmers should check their fields carefully each year to detect threatening infestations. For more information on the alfalfa weevil, see OMAF Factsheet, *Alfalfa Weevil*, Agdex 121/622. For early detection of damaging populations, see OMAF Factsheet, *Early Warning System for Alfalfa Weevil Management*, Agdex 121/622.

The larvae cause most of the damage. They hatch from eggs deposited in the stems and crawl to the tops of alfalfa where they feed on the developing leaf and flower buds. In heavy infestations, they shred the leaves so badly that fields take on a grayish-white or frosted appearance. Experience in Ontario has shown that the peak of larval attack coincides with the bud stage of the first crop. When threatening infestations occur, fields should be cut immediately to eliminate feeding damage. The bud stage is also the best time to cut the crop for maximum yield of protein.

The key to weevil control is proper timing of harvest and treatment based on field inspection. Examine each field twice a week from mid-May to June. Check several areas throughout the field. Look for damage to show up first on shallow soils or on southerly slopes.

1. **First Cut** If 25% of the stems have feeding damage in the tips, cut and remove from fields as soon as possible. If it is not possible to cut the crop immediately, treat with an insecticide as recommended in the following table.
2. **Second Cut** If damage was serious on first cut, feeding may continue and early regrowth should be carefully checked. If feeding retards regrowth, apply an insecticide.

**Table 42. Alfalfa Weevil Control**

| Insecticide | Product per ha | Days to Cutting or Grazing |
|---|---|---|
| *Furadan 480F | 285 mL | 7 |
| Imidan 50 WP | 2.2 kg | 7 |

*WP (Wettable Powder); F (Flowable)*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours.*

*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

**CAUTION**: See the warning PROTECT HONEYBEES in *Disease & Insect Control* in the *Corn* section. When planning to apply a pesticide, advise local beekeepers so that they have an opportunity to move colonies out of the danger area. Your local agricultural representative has a listing of the beekeepers in your area. Remember that bees are invaluable as pollinators for seed production and are commonly attracted in large numbers to flowering forage legumes.

**Alfalfa Blotch Leafminer** This pest of alfalfa is now present throughout Ontario. The adult leafminer is a small fly which emerges in late May. It is best identified by the numerous pinhole punctures it makes in alfalfa leaflets when it feeds and lays eggs. After the eggs hatch, the developing maggots feed inside the leaflet eating away the center part and producing mines or tunnels that terminate in blotches.

A species of parasite has controlled the alfalfa blotch leafminer across Ontario. Insecticides are generally not required and are not effective unless applied at the "pinhole" stage. If severe pinholing occurs and the crop can not be harvested early, the insecticide Imidan as listed in Table 42 may be used.

**Potato Leafhopper** The potato leafhopper causes a substantial loss in alfalfa yield and quality some years, particularly during dry seasons when plants are under stress. Damage to direct seedings may be severe. The first cut of established field escapes injury but as leafhoppers become more prevalent in late June to mid-August, damage may be severe.

The potato leafhopper is a light green, wedge-shaped insect about 0.3 cm long when fully grown. The immature or nymph stage is yellowish-green and wingless but otherwise resembles the adult. Adult leafhoppers may jump or fly. Nymphs walk sideways or backwards to hide on the underside of the leaves.

This insect feeds by sucking plant juices. The alfalfa is stunted and the leaves turn yellow to bronze in color. A discolored V-shaped or triangular area often develops on the tips of leaflets. While this marking is characteristic of leafhopper presence, the leaf discoloration may also be a disease symptom or nutritional deficiency.

Effective control of the potato leafhopper depends on recognizing the adults and nymphs before symptoms become apparent. Check alfalfa fields frequently beginning in late June. When leafhoppers are found, spray with the following:

**Table 43. Leafhopper Control**

| Insecticide[1] | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Cygon 480 E | 425 mL | 2 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 2.25-3.5 L | 21 |
| Guthion Solupak 50 WP[2] | 1.1-1.75 kg | 21 |

*E (Emulsifiable Concentrate); SC (Sprayable Concentrate); WP (Wettable Powder).*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours.*

[1]*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

[2]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

**Alfalfa Snout Beetle.** This potentially serious pest of forage crops has recently been discovered in eastern Ontario near Prescott. The adult is a flightless dark grey weevil, about 12 mm long. It emerges in early spring, feeds on alfalfa shoots and migrates into new fields to lay eggs. All the adults are female. The eggs hatch into white legless grubs which feed on the main and side roots of the host plant. The grubs girdle the taproot or gouge its surface leaving deep spiral grooves. The total life cycle requires a span of two years. Damage is most evident in late summer and early fall. Wilted plants should be dug and checked for damage and the presence of grubs. Alfalfa is the preferred host but the grubs also attack clover and a number of weeds. Infected alfalfa fields should be plowed under and planted to corn, soybeans or cereals for three years to reduce populations.

Until recently, the distribution was limited to northern New York State and a number of the St. Lawrence River Islands. If you suspect that you have this pest, consult your local OMAF office or Plant Health Division, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa.

**Armyworm** Maintain a close watch for outbreaks in grasses in late June and July. If they become destructive, control them as indicated in *Disease and Insect Control* in *Cereal Crops* section.

**Cereal Leaf Beetle** Refer to quarantine regulations under *Insects, Cereal Crops* section, concerning movement of hay.

**European Skipper** This is an occasional but important pest of timothy, both in hay and seed production. The adult is an orange butterfly with a 2.5 cm wing spread. It congregates in damp places and skips about hay fields in midsummer. The larvae are light green caterpillars up to 2.5 cm long, usually found within rolled leaves where they feed. Leaf margins become irregularly notched and when abundant they defoliate timothy. Fields must be checked for the caterpillars by late April or early May. Initially, the small caterpillars have black heads but soon become a brown color with two light bands. If six caterpillars in an area 30 cm x 30 cm are found as early as the brown-headed stage, treat the field or the infested area. Use either Thuricide HPC at 2.25 L/ha or Dipel at 0.3-0.6 kg/ha. Note that these insecticides will not immediately kill the caterpillars. However they will stop feeding.

**Grasshoppers** If grasshoppers become destructive, control them by spraying with an insecticide listed in Table 44.

**Table 44. Grasshopper Control**

| Insecticide | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Basudin 50 W | 1.1 kg | 14 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 1.4 L | 21 |
| Malathion 500 EC[1] | 2-2.75 L | 7 |

W (Wettable Powder); EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); SC (Sprayable Concentrate).

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours.*

[1]*Less effective below 20°C.*

*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

## WEED CONTROL IN FORAGES

For weed control recommendations see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control.*

# CEREAL CROPS

## CROP MANAGEMENT

Grain crops deserve to be treated as first-rate crops whenever they are included in a cropping program. They must compete for their place in that program by producing high yields economically. To produce high yields requires that all parts of the grain production package be considered. No one factor can support high yields without the others. No one factor can be neglected without a corresponding decrease in yields.

Improved varieties express their full potential only when they are used in combination with proper seeding times, seeding depth, and recommended seeding rates as well as adequate fertility applications. Indeed, they perform well only when diseases, insects, and weeds are eliminated as production hazards.

Integrating the production practices into a package becomes the problem of the farmer. On his ability to do this rests the final yield and outcome of his grain production program.

### Planting Date

#### Spring Grains

All spring grains respond to early seeding, because cool, moist conditions promote ample tillering and large heads. The target date should be April 10 for Southwestern Ontario, April 15 for Central and Eastern Ontario and May 10 for Northern Ontario. Planting delays much beyond the target date generally result in significant yield reduction.

**Micmac**, **Rodeo** and **Leger** barley and **Donald** and **Ogle** oats do not show as great a yield reduction with late planting as do other spring cereal varieties.

#### Winter Grains

For good winter survival, seed early enough to obtain adequate top growth and root development in the autumn. For winter wheat grown in areas II and III this is between September 15-30 and two weeks later in area I. For winter barley, seeding dates should be 1-2 weeks earlier than winter wheat.

### Seeding Rate

Seeding rate recommendations are given in Table 45 and in the *General Information* section. The higher range of rates should be used (a) where emergence and early seed establishment is likely to be poor, eg. poor seed bed and aerial or broadcast seedings, and (b) for late planting where tillering will be reduced.

Seeding rate can be determined using the following formula:

$$\text{Seeding Rate (kg/ha)} = \frac{\text{plants/m}^2}{\%\ \text{germination}} \times \text{TKW}$$

For instance if you want 200 plants/m$^2$ of Leger barley (TKW-37) with a germination of 90%, the seeding rate is 82 kg/ha (200 ÷ 90 × 37).

The thousand kernel weights (TKW) given in the tables are averages and may vary depending on the seed lot.

**Table 45. Seeding Rate**

| Crop | Seeding Rates | |
|---|---|---|
| | Plants/m$^2$ | Plants[1]/ metre of row |
| Barley | 200-400 | 35-70 |
| Oats | 165-330 | 30-60 |
| Winter Wheat | 240-400 | 45-70 |

[1]*For drills with 18 cm (7 inch) spacing.*

### Lodging Control

For fields where lodging is expected, a plant growth regulator such as Cerone or Cycocel Extra may be used.

At present Cerone is registered for use on all recommended spring barley varieties and all winter and spring wheat varieties. It should be applied at Zadoks' growth stages 37-45 (see Figure 5).

Cycocel Extra is registered on the hard red winter wheat variety Absolvent. It is applied at Zadoks' growth stages 23-31 (see Figure 5).

For information on rates and application procedure, consult the product labels.

### Cereals for Soil Conservation

Winter rye has traditionally been used for seasonal and overwinter soil protection purposes but other common cereals can be used satisfactorily. Fast growing shoot and root growth, economical seed costs and competition to weeds are all factors in choosing a cereal species.

## VARIETY SELECTION

Variety recommendations are general guides for choosing a variety. Descriptive tables accompanying recommendations show characteristics for each variety which may limit its use. Because no variety is perfect, the recommendations should be coupled with experience and information from the description to choose a variety for your use.

Yield data are included to indicate the relative yield performance of recommended varieties in each of the six testing areas in Ontario (see Figure 6).

Variety recommendations for grains to be stored and used as high moisture grains and whole plant silages are the same as those to be used for normal grain storage and use.

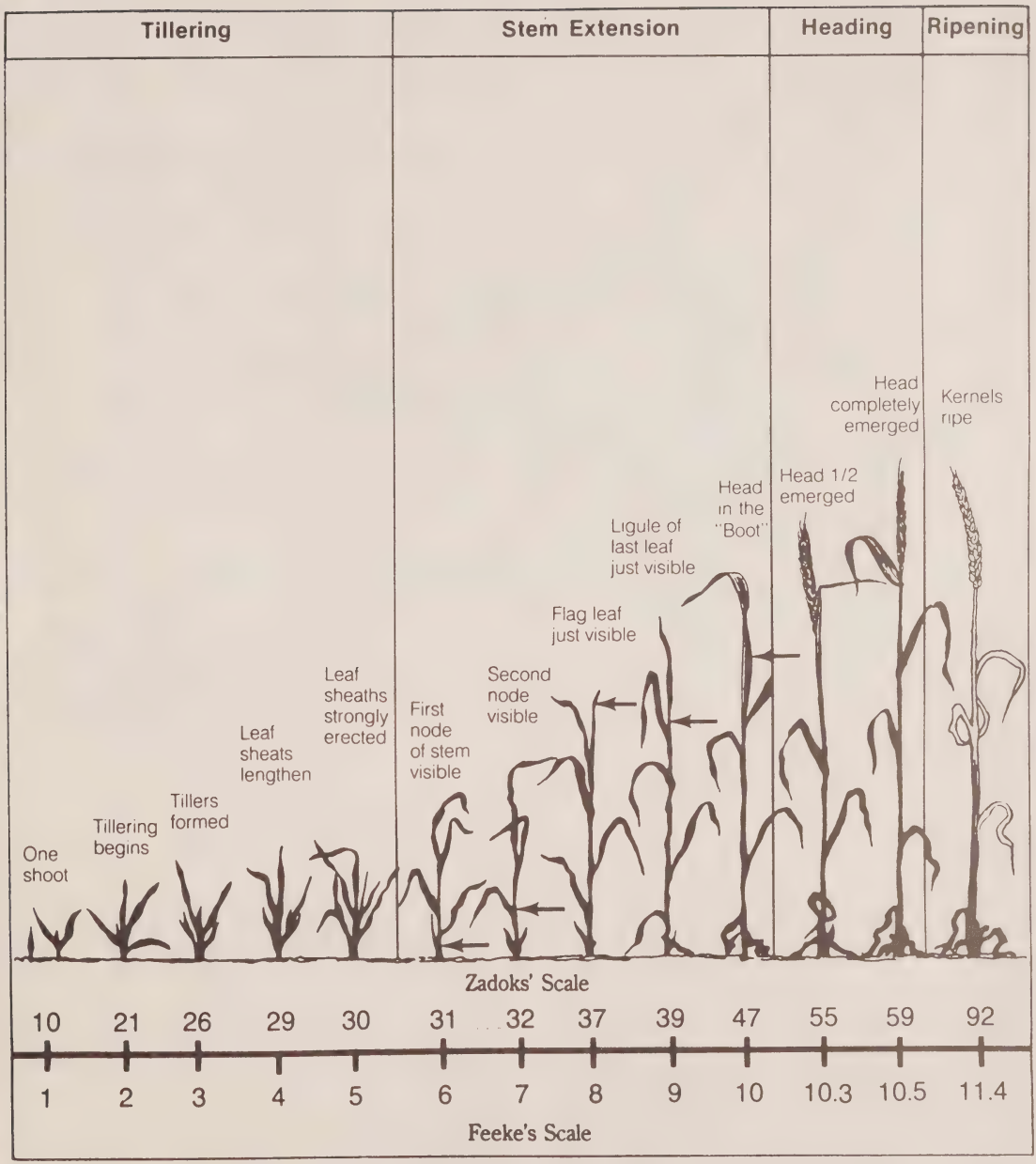


**Figure 5. Cereal Growth Stages**

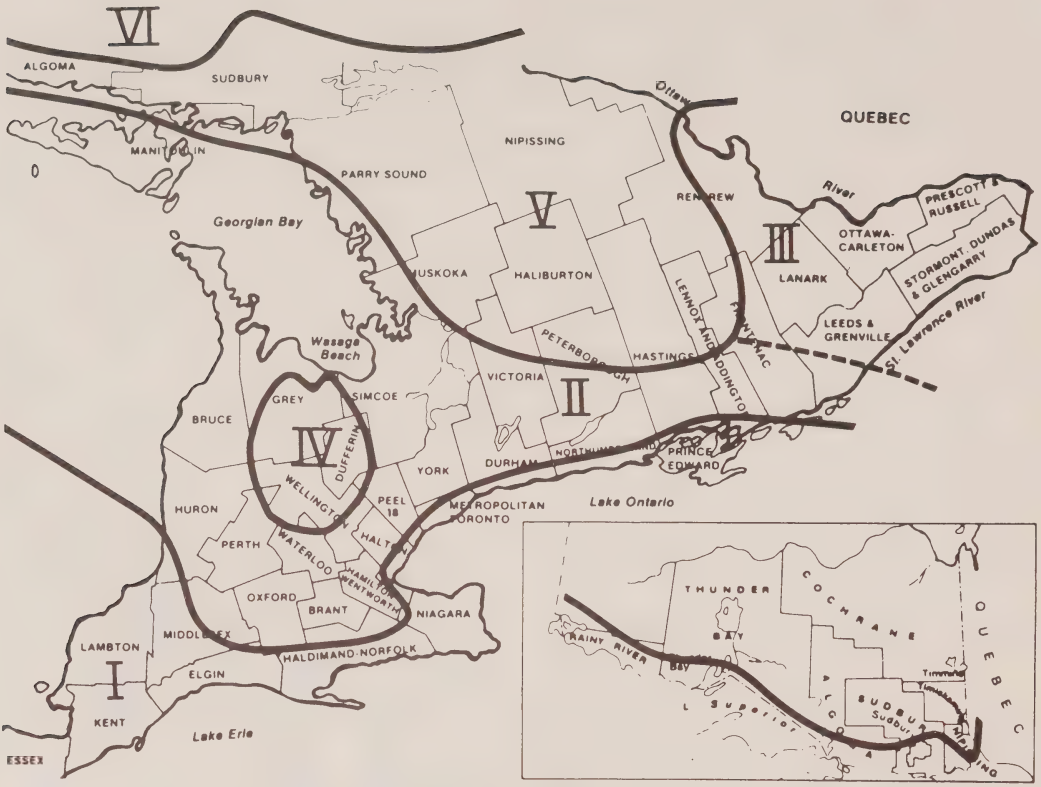


**Figure 6. Cereal Crop Test Areas**

## SPRING GRAINS

### Barley

Traditionally more six-rowed than two-rowed barley has been grown in Ontario. Adapted varieties of both types are available.

In general, two-rowed varieties are shorter, more resistant to lodging, larger seeded and more resistant to leaf rust and mildew than six-rowed barleys. Two-rowed barleys are, however, later in maturity than six-rowed barleys. Six-rowed varieties are usually more tolerant of heat and moisture stress and have better resistance to scald. The six-rowed varieties also tend to be more tolerant of late planting and are better for underseeding because of their less dense canopy.

There are virtually no differences between two-rowed barleys and six-rowed barleys in potential yield, however, there may be specific cultivar advantages in some areas (see Table 46).

*The variety Leger has become quite susceptible to mildew and has shown some sensitivity to atrazine residue. Occasionally it has been found as a problem volunteer in other crops the year following. This is a particular worry for seed growers.*

### New Varieties

The two-rowed varieties **Craig**, **Lester**, **Morrison**, and **Symko** have been added to the recommended list along with the six-rowed varieties **Chapais**, **Etienne**, **Maskot**, and **Sabina**.

**Table 46. Recommended Barley Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | Awn Type | Hectolitre weight[1] (kg) | TKW[2] (g) | Height[3] (cm) | Lodging[4] | Maturity[5] | Diseases[6] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Leaf Rust | Loose Smut | Scald | Spot Blotch | Mildew |
| **2-Rowed** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albany | All | Rough | 63 | 43 | 77 | 2 | 92 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Craig[7] | All except I | Rough | 64 | 39 | 76 | 2 | 93 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0 |
| Helena[7] | All except V & VI | Rough | 65 | 43 | 72 | 2 | 91 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Lester | All | Rough | 64 | 44 | 77 | 2 | 92 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Micmac[7] | All except VI | Rough | 63 | 41 | 83 | 3 | 91 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Morrison | All | Rough | 65 | 43 | 78 | 2 | 93 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Rodeo[7] | All | Rough | 64 | 42 | 81 | 2 | 93 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Symko | All | Rough | 65 | 43 | 84 | 4 | 93 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| **6-Rowed** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chapais | All | Rough | 60 | 44 | 78 | 3 | 91 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Etienne | All except III & IV | Smooth | 61 | 38 | 94 | 2 | 94 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| Joly[7] | All except I | Smooth | 58 | 37 | 84 | 3 | 92 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Leger | All | Smooth | 60 | 37 | 94 | 3 | 93 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Maskot | All except IV | Rough | 62 | 39 | 88 | 2 | 93 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| OAC Kippen | All | Rough | 62 | 38 | 90 | 4 | 93 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Sabina | All | Rough | 62 | 39 | 91 | 2 | 93 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 |

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressures*

[1]*Hectolitre weight × .8 = lb/bu.*

[2]*TKW — thousand kernel weight.*

[3]*In general, plants will be taller in the south and shorter in the north.*

[4]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 = standing and 9 = flat.*

[5]*Days to harvest. Subtract 5 days for areas I-IV and add 10 days for area VI.*

[6]*See Disease and Insect Control in Cereal Crops. Scale of 0-9, where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

[7]*May be removed from the recommended list in 1992.*

**Table 47. Relative Barley Yields[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| | ..... % ..... | | | | | |
| Albany | 106 | 99 | 101 | 102 | 94 | 94 |
| Craig | (89)[3] | 96 | 91 | 98 | 94 | 94 |
| Helena | 102 | 98 | 99 | 101 | (89) | (89) |
| Lester | 109 | 105 | 96 | 103 | 97 | 94 |
| Micmac | 96 | 99 | 97 | 98 | 94 | (96) |
| Morrison | 119 | 103 | 102 | 100 | 101 | 103 |
| Rodeo | 102 | 98 | 93 | 98 | 93 | 93 |
| Symko | 104 | 99 | 103 | 99 | 100 | 97 |
| Chapais | 103 | 109 | 94 | 107 | 111 | 110 |
| Etienne | 98 | 103 | (94) | (96) | 104 | 101 |
| Joly | (106) | 96 | 107 | 96 | 108 | 109 |
| Leger | 94 | 101 | 114 | 96 | 104 | 109 |
| Maskot | 89 | 94 | 100 | (94) | 92 | 100 |
| OAC Kippen | 88 | 101 | 96 | 100 | 100 | 94 |
| Sabina | 90 | 100 | 107 | 102 | 107 | 104 |
| Average yield[4] (t/ha) | 3.69 | 3.98 | 3.38 | 5.02 | 4.81 | 4.00 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of recommended varieties in each area.*

[2]*Two year average (1989-90)*

[3]*Yields shown in brackets are for varieties not recommended in that area.*

[4]*1 t/ha = 893 lbs/ac.*

## Oats

Oats are a traditional feed crop in Ontario, particularly for horses. Oats have a higher fiber content and a better balanced protein in comparison to barley. In eastern Ontario where buckthorn is common, leaf rust is a problem in oat production and resistant varieties should be grown.

### Milling Oats

Milling oats have to meet special quality requirements: plump kernels, high hectoliter weight and groats that are free of discoloration. **Donald, Marion, Ogle** and **Newman** are preferred for milling purposes.

### New Varieties

The variety **Ultima** has been added to the recommended list.

**Table 49. Relative Oat Yields[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| | ..... % ..... | | | | | |
| Donald | 96 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 86 | 90 |
| Marion | 99 | 100 | 103 | 102 | 109 | 98 |
| Newman | 98 | 97 | 98 | 103 | 95 | 99 |
| Ogle | 111 | 109 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 90 |
| Ultima | 95 | 103 | 108 | 104 | 109 | 122 |
| Average yield[3] (t/ha) | 3.76 | 3.43 | 3.67 | 4.20 | 4.37 | 4.57 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of recommended varieties in each area.*

[2]*Three year average (1988-90) except for test area VI (1988-89 only)*

[3]*1 t/ha = 893 lbs/ac.*

### Hulless Oats

Hulless oats may be of interest to pig and poultry producers because the grain (groat) is approximately the same metabolizable energy content as corn. Combined with this is a high protein content (14-20%), depending on soil fertility, of good quality for cereal grain. Diets can be formulated with hulless oats as a major energy source and only small amounts of soybean meal, canola meal or the amino acid lysine need to be added to obtain performance comparable to a standard corn-soybean meal diet.

Hulless oats become groats when they are threshed. The thin hulls are left in the field as chaff, resulting in a weight loss of 25-30% compared to regular varieties where the hull is retained.

**Tibor** is a tall oat, very strong strawed, large-seeded, high test weight, moderately high protein and smut resistant. It is susceptible to barley yellow dwarf virus and crown rust but rust is slow to develop in field scale plantings.

The performance of Tibor was determined in the Ontario Regional Trials over a two year period (1987-1988). Provincially, groat yield for Tibor was 2.4 tonnes/ha compared to the calculated groat yields of the varieties Donald (2.2), Marion (2.5), and Ogle (2.3).

*Tibor can be grown like regular oats but special attention must be paid to planting, harvesting, handling and storage of seed to be fully successful.*

For further information contact your local OMAF office.

## Mixed Grains

Mixed grains occupy a large hectareage in the province. No specific recommendations regarding the best mixtures can be made. Generally the highest yielding varieties of oats and barley in pure stands also perform best in mixtures.

Height and maturity ratings of the components of a mixture must be matched. For example, Donald oats match well with Leger or Rodeo barley, and Ogle oats match well with Leger or OAC Kippen.

**Table 48. Recommended Oat Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | Type | Hectolitre weight[1] (kg) | TKW[2] (g) | Height[3] (cm) | Lodging[4] | Maturity[5] | Diseases[6] | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Leaf Rust | Barley Yellow Dwarf | Septoria | Smut |
| Donald[7] | All | white | 47 | 36 | 97 | 4 | 96 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| Marion | All | white | 47 | 38 | 102 | 4 | 97 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| Newman | All | white | 48 | 37 | 95 | 3 | 96 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| Ogle | All | yellow | 47 | 32 | 85 | 1 | 94 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Ultima | All | white | 45 | 33 | 90 | 2 | 98 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 1 |

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressures.*

[1]*Hectolitre weight × .8 = lb/bu.*

[2]*TKW — thousand kernel weight.*

[3]*In general, plants will be taller in the south and shorter in the north.*

[4]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 — standing and 9 — flat.*

[5]*Days to harvest. Subtract 5 days for areas I-IV and add 10 days for area VI.*

[6]*See Disease and Insect Control in Cereal Crops. Scale of 0-9, where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

[7]*May be removed from the recommended list in 1992.*



**Handy Metrics Conversion Factor**

Litres per hectare x 0.4 = litres per acre
Kilograms per hectare x 0.4 = kilograms per acre

An advantage of mixed grains is that leaf and head diseases usually are much less severe than where oats or barley are grown alone.

## Spring Wheat

**Feed Wheat**

In areas III, IV, V and VI some varieties can be competitive with oats and barley as feed grain. For those farmers who choose to grow spring wheat for feed the following variety is available.

**Glenlea** – awnless, white chaff and large red grain. Utility type wheat not equal in quality to hard red spring types.

**Milling Wheat**

To ensure a market, care must be taken to grow a quality product. This includes such factors as early planting and control of weeds which may be a problem in Western Canadian varieties, with their more open canopy as compared to barley.

**Table 50. Recommended Hard Red Spring Wheat Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | TKW[1] (g) | Height (cm) | Lodging[2] | Diseases[3] | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Leaf Rust | Mildew |
| Columbus | II, III | 30 | 93 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Katepwa | II, III | 29 | 89 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Roblin | II, III | 33 | 82 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressures.*

[1]*TRW – thousand kernel weight*

[2]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 = standing and 9 = flat.*

[3]*See Disease and Insect Control in Cereal Crops. Scale of 0-9 where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

**Table 51. Relative Hard Red Spring Wheat Yields[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III |
| | ..... % ..... | | |
| Columbus | 90 | 88 | 102 |
| Katepwa | 84 | 98 | 97 |
| Roblin | 127 | 114 | 101 |
| Average Yield (t/ha)[3] | 1.91 | 2.62 | 2.94 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of recommended varieties.*

[2]*Three year average (1988-1990) except Area 1 which is a two year average (1988-1989).*

[3]*1 t/ha = 893 lbs/ac.*

**Table 52. Relative Hard Red Spring Wheat Test Weights[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III |
| | ..... % ..... | | |
| Columbus | 98 | 100 | 101 |
| Katepwa | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| Roblin | 104 | 100 | 99 |
| Average Test Wt[3] (kg/hL) | 73.2 | 71.9 | 74.7 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average test weight of recommended varieties.*

[2]*Three year average (1988-1990) except Area 1 which is a two year average (1988-1989).*

[3]*kg/hL × .8 = lbs/bu.*

# WINTER GRAINS

## Winter Wheat

Two very different types of winter wheat are now grown in Ontario – soft white and hard red. Each has very different quality requirements. Because of this, the two types should be kept separate throughout the production and marketing channels. Mixed lots will only find a use as livestock feed, and will realize a lower price than unmixed lots of wheat of milling grade.

**Soft White Winter Wheat**

Soft white winter wheat has long been the dominant winter grain of Ontario. Markets are well established, and varieties well adapted to Ontario conditions are available (Table 53).

**Hard Red Winter Wheat**

Two varieties are recommended for Ontario (Table 56).

**Table 53. Recommended Soft White Winter Wheat Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | TKW (g) | Awns | Height (cm) | Sprouting Resistance[1] | Lodging[2] | Diseases[3] | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Leaf Rust | Scab | Mildew |
| Annette | I, II, III | 41 | – | 97 | MT | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Augusta | I, II, III | 36 | – | 98 | MT | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Ena | I | 35 | + | 96 | S | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Harmil | I, II | 34 | – | 99 | MS | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Harus | I, II | 37 | – | 93 | MS | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Houser[4] | III | 38 | + | 91 | VS | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Rebecca | I, II, III | 37 | + | 91 | VS | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 |

*Winter survival is similar for all varieties.*

*All varieties should be seed treated to control loose smut.*

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressure.*

[1]*S = Susceptible, VS = Very Susceptible, MS = Moderately Susceptible, MT = Moderately Tolerant*

[2]*Scale of 0 - 9 where 0 = standing and 9 = flat.*

[3]*Scale of 0 - 9 where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

[4]*May be removed from the recommended list in 1992.*

**Table 54. Relative White Winter Wheat Yields[1,2,3]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III |
| | % | | |
| Annette | 100 | 99 | 100 |
| Augusta | 96 | 100 | 102 |
| Ena | 96 | (95) | (90) |
| Harmil | 100 | 100 | (93) |
| Harus | 101 | 99 | (93) |
| Houser | (94) | (99) | 101 |
| Rebecca | 106 | 103 | 97 |
| Average Yield[4] (t/ha) | 4.67 | 4.62 | 4.55 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of recommended varieties.*

[2]*Yields shown in brackets are for varieties not recommended in that area.*

[3]*Four year average (1987-1990) of recommended varieties.*

[4]*1 t/ha = 893 lbs/ac.*

**Table 55. Relative White Winter Wheat Test Weights[1,2,3]**

| Variety | Test Areas | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III |
| | % | | |
| Annette | 101 | 101 | 102 |
| Augusta | 96 | 98 | 99 |
| Ena | 102 | (102) | (102) |
| Harmil | 100 | 100 | (100) |
| Harus | 102 | 101 | (101) |
| Houser | (97) | (98) | 99 |
| Rebecca | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Average Test Wt[4] (kg/hL) | 73.1 | 73.0 | 78.5 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average test weight of recommended varieties.*

[2]*Test weights shown in brackets are for varieties not recommended in that area.*

[3]*Four year average (1987-1990) of recommended varieties.*

[4]*kg/hL × .8 = lbs/bu.*

**Table 56. Recommended Hard Red Winter Wheat Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | TKW (g) | Height (cm) | Sprouting[1] Resistance | Lodging[2] | Diseases[3] | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Leaf Rust | Scab | Mildew |
| Absolvent | I, II, III | 41 | 87 | R | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Karat | I, II, III | 39 | 101 | R | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

*Winter survival is similar for all varieties.*

*All varieties should be seed treated to control loose smut.*

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressure.*

[1]*R = Resistant*

[2]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 = standing and 9 = flat.*

[3]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

**Table 57. Hard Red Winter Wheat Relative Yields[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas I | II | III |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ..... % ..... | | |
| Absolvent | 101 | 101 | 94 |
| Karat | 99 | 99 | 106 |
| Average Yield (t/ha) | 3.85 | 4.39 | 3.41 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of listed varieties.*
[2]*Four year average (1987-1990).*
[3]*1 t/ha = 893 lb/ac.*

**Table 58. Hard Red Winter Wheat Relative Test Weights[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas I | II | III |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ..... % ..... | | |
| Absolvent | 101 | 100 | 100 |
| Karat | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Average Test Wt.[3] (kg/hL) | 75.7 | 76.1 | 84.2 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average test weight of listed varieties.*
[2]*Four year average (1987-1990) of listed varieties.*
[3]*kg/hL × .8 = lbs/bu.*

## Winter Barley

Winter barley has higher yield than spring barley but is considerably less winterhardy than winter wheat. It can be expected to survive only in areas I and II with adequate snow cover. Winter barley matures much earlier than winter wheat and if harvested as a silage crop is suitable for double cropping.

**Table 60. Relative Winter Barley Yields[1,2]**

| Variety | Test Areas I | II |
|---|---|---|
| | ..... % ..... | |
| OAC Halton | 99 | 98 |
| OAC Elmira | 101 | 102 |
| Average yield t/ha[1] | 4.95 | 4.30 |

[1]*Expressed as a percentage of the average yield of recommended varieties in each area.*
[2]*Six year average (1985-90).*
[3]*1 t/ha = 893 lb/ac.*

## Winter Triticale

**OAC Wintri** has better winter survival compared to recommended winter wheat varieties, but is very tall and late maturing. It has poor lodging resistance, especially on heavier soils.

**OAC Trillium** is much shorter than OAC Wintri and has improved lodging resistance.

**Table 59. Recommended Winter Barley Varieties**

| Variety | Area Recommended | Awn Type | Hectolitre weight[1] (kg) | TKW[2] (g) | Height[3] | Lodging[4] (cm) | Maturity[5] | Diseases[6] | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Leaf Rust | Barley Yellow Dwarf | Mildew | Scald |
| OAC Halton | Areas I & II | Rough | 64 | 37 | 92 | 3 | 66 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| OAC Elmira | Areas I & II | Rough | 63 | 34 | 99 | 3 | 68 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

*Winter survival is similar for both varieties.*

*Values are given to indicate relative differences between varieties; actual values will differ depending on growing conditions and disease pressures.*

[1]*Hectolitre weight × .8 = lb/bu.*

[2]*TKW — thousand kernel weight.*

[3]*In general, plants will be taller in the south and shorter in the north.*

[4]*Scale of 0-9, where 0 = standing and 9 = flat.*

[5]*Days from May 1.*

[6]*See Disease and Insect Control in Cereals Crops. Scale of 0-9, where 0 = very resistant and 9 = very susceptible.*

**Table 61. Distributors for Cereal Grain Varieties**

| | Variety | Distributor[1] | Breeder |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Barley** | Albany | SeCan Members | Charlottetown Res. Station |
| | Chapais | SeCan Members | Ste. Foy Research Station |
| | Craig | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| | Etienne | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| | Helena | U.C.O. | Dr. J. Ackerman, Germany |
| | Joly | Semico | Semico, St. Hyacinthe |
| | Leger | SeCan Members | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | Lester | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| | Maskot | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Semico, St. Hyacinthe |
| | Micmac | SeCan Members | Charlottetown Res. Station |
| | Morrison | SeCan Members | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | OAC Kippen | SeCan Members | OAC, Guelph |
| | Rodeo | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Ciba-Geigy, Ailsa Craig |
| | Sabina | U.C.O. | Semico, St. Hyacinthe |
| | Symko | First Line Seeds | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| **Oats** | Donald | SeCan Members | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | Marion | SeCan Members | Ste. Foy Research Station |
| | Newman | SeCan Members | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | Ogle | Public | U. of Illinois |
| | Tibor | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | Ultima | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Ste. Foy Research Station |
| **Spring Wheat** | | | |
| **Feed** | Gleanlea | Public | Univ. of Manitoba |
| **Milling** | Columbus | SeCan Members | Winnipeg Res. Station |
| | Katepwa | SeCan Members | Winnipeg Res. Station |
| | Roblin | SeCan Members | Winnipeg Res. Station |
| **Winter Barley** | OAC Elmira | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | OAC, Guelph |
| | OAC Halton | SeCan Members | OAC, Guelph |
| **Winter Triticale** | OAC Trillium | King Agro | OAC, Guelph |
| | OAC Wintri | King Agro | OAC, Guelph |
| **Winter Wheat** | | | |
| **Soft White** | Annette | SeCan Members | Harrow Res. Station |
| | Augusta | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Michigan State Univ. |
| | Ena | SeCan Members | Harrow Res. Station |
| | Harmil | King Agro | Plant Res. Centre, Ottawa |
| | Harus | SeCan Members | Harrow Res. Station |
| | Houser | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | Cornell Univ. |
| | Rebecca | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| **Hard Red** | Absolvent | C&M Seeds, Aishling Farm Seeds | Dr. P. Franck, Germany |
| | Karat | C&M Seeds, Aishling Farm Seeds | Probsdorfer, Austria |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information Section*

# FERTILIZERS FOR CEREAL CROPS

## Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizer recommendations for cereal crops are given in Tables 62 and 63. High rates of nitrogen from manures or manufactured fertilizers can cause lodging of cereals.

**Table 62. Nitrogen Requirements — Cereal Crops**

| Crop | N required[1] kg/ha |
|---|---|
| Barley (areas receiving 2600 heat units or less) | 70 |
| Barley (areas receiving more than 2600 heat units) | 45 |
| Cereals seeded as a nurse crop for forages | 15 |
| Mixed grain, spring triticale (southern Ontario) | 45 |
| Mixed grain, spring triticale (northern Ontario) | 70 |
| Oats, spring rye (southern Ontario) | 35 |
| Oats, spring rye (northern Ontario)[2] | 55 |
| Spring wheat[2] | 70 |
| Winter barley, winter rye | 90[3] |
| Winter triticale | 80[3] |
| Winter wheat | See Table 63 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied or the preceding crop is a legume sod, reduce the nitrogen rates as shown in Tables 4 and 5.*

[2]*This is an interim recommendation based on limited research.*

[3]*When not in rotation with tobacco.*

**Table 63. Nitrogen Requirements for Soft White Winter Wheat[1,2]**

| Cost of Nitrogen Fertilizer | Expected Yield[3] — t/ha | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 3.5 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| $/kg | Most Profitable Nitrogen Application[4] — kg/ha | | |
| .50 | 80 | 90 | 110 |
| .60[5] | 75 | 85[6] | 110 |
| .70 | 70 | 85 | 105 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Nitrogen requirements are based on winter wheat valued at $142/tonne.*

[2]*A maximum of 10 kg of nitrogen per hectare may be applied at seeding and the remainder topdressed in early spring.*

[3]*Expected yield is that yield which you, in your experience, should obtain under your conditions of soil, climate and management.*

[4]*When not in rotation with tobacco.*

[5]*The highlighted area represents the most appropriate ratio at time of printing.*

[6]*If your expected yield is 4.5 t/ha and nitrogen costs $.65 kg, then 85 kg/ha of nitrogen is the most profitable rate of application.*

## Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for cereals are given in Tables 64 and 65.

For information on the use of these tables, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

## Methods of Application

Where phosphate fertilizer is required for cereal crops it is best drilled with the seed and may be accompanied by some or all of the required nitrogen and potash, depending on rates of application. For further information see table, *Maximum Safe Rates of Nutrients* in the *Soils* section.

## Plant Analysis

For cereals, sampling the top two leaves at heading is recommended. However, plants suspected of nutrient deficiency should be sampled as soon as the problem appears. For plants less than 20 cm tall, sample the total above ground

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**Table 64. Phosphate Requirements for Cereals Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Spring barley, spring wheat, and mixed grain | | Oats, spring triticale, and spring rye | | Winter wheat, W. rye, W. barley, W. triticale | | Winter or spring grains seeded down | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha |
| 0-3 | LOW | 110 | LOW | 70 | LOW | 70 | LOW | 130 |
| 4-5 | | 100 | | 60 | | 60 | | 110 |
| 6-7 | | 90 | | 50 | | 50 | | 90 |
| 8-9 | | 70 | | 30 | | 30 | | 70 |
| 10-12 | MEDIUM | 50 | MEDIUM | 20 | MEDIUM | 20 | MEDIUM | 50 |
| 13-15 | | 20 | | 20 | | 20 | | 30 |
| 16-20 | | 20 | | 0 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 21-25 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 0 | | 20 |
| 26-30 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | HIGH | 0 |
| 31-40 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 41-50 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| 51-60 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 61+ | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quantity of manure (see Manure Section in Soils). For spring barley in an area with less than 2600 heat units, not manured and not following a legume sod, the nitrogen requirement is 70 kg/ha (see Table 62). If the soil tests are 11 for phosphate and 48 for potash, the phosphate requirement would be 50 kg/ha and the potash requirement 50 kg/ha. These nutrients could be supplied by drilling 250 kg (50 ÷ 20 × 100) of 5-20-20 per hectare to supply the phosphate and potash and broadcasting 170 kg of 34-0-0 or 130 kg of 45-0-0 per hectare to supply the recommended amount of nitrogen.*

[2]*Excessive readings may cause reduced yield or affect nutrient balance in crops and increase the risk of water pollution.*

**Table 65. Potash Requirements for Cereals Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Spring barley, spring wheat, and mixed grain | | Oats, spring triticale, and spring rye | | Winter wheat, W. rye, W. barley, W. triticale with or without seeding down | | Spring cereals seeded down | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha |
| 0-15 | LOW | 90 | LOW | 70 | LOW | 50 | LOW | 90 |
| 16-30 | | 80 | | 50 | | 40 | | 80 |
| 31-45 | | 70 | | 40 | | 30 | | 70 |
| 46-60 | | 50 | | 30 | | 20 | | 50 |
| 61-80 | | 40 | MEDIUM | 20 | MEDIUM | 20 | | 40 |
| 81-100 | MEDIUM | 30 | | 20 | | 20 | MEDIUM | 30 |
| 101-120 | | 20 | HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 20 | | 20 |
| 121-150 | | 20 | VERY HIGH | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 | HIGH | 0 |
| 151-180 | HIGH | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| 181-210 | VERY HIGH | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 211-250 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 251+ | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quantity of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

[2]*Excessive ratings may cause reduced yield or quality of crops primarily due to magnesium deficiency. Natural levels above 250 occur occasionally on clay and clay loam soils but are not expected to cause problems because soils naturally high in potassium are usually high in magnesium.*

plant. Expert help will be required to interpret plant analysis results when the samples are not taken at heading.

A soil sample should be taken from the same area and at the same time as a plant sample.

For more information on plant analysis see *Plant Analysis* section in *Soils*.


**Table 66. Interpretation of Plant Analysis for Cereal Crops[1]**

| Nutrient | Units | Critical Concentration[2] | Maximum Normal Concentration[3] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nitrogen (N) | % | 2.0 | 2.7 |
| Phosphorus (P) | % | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Potassium (K) | % | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| Calcium (Ca) | % | – | 1.0 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | % | 0.15 | 1.0 |
| Boron (B) | ppm | 3 | 40 |
| Copper (Cu) | ppm | 3 | 50 |
| Manganese (Mn) | ppm | 15 | 200 |
| Zinc (Zn) | ppm | 10 | 70 |

[1]*Values apply to the top two leaves sampled at heading.*

[2]*Yield loss due to nutrient deficiency is expected with nutrient concentrations at or below the "critical" concentration.*

[3]*Maximum normal concentrations are more than adequate but do not necessarily cause toxicities.*

**Table 67. Cereal Seed Treatments**

| | | | Diseases | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Oats | | Barley | | | Wheat | | | | Rye |
| Product | Active Ingredient | Formulation[2] | Covered Smut | Loose Smut | Covered Smut | Loose Smut | Seedling Blight | Common Bunt | Soil Borne Dwarf Bunt | Loose Smut | Seedling Blight | Seedling Blight |
| Agrox N-M | maneb | P (DB) | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| Agrox flowable | maneb | F | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| [1]Anchor | carbathiin + thiram | F (DB) | + | + | + | + | + | + | – | + | + | + |
| Busan 30 | TCMTB | EC | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| Co-op N M | maneb | P (DB) | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| [1]Vitaflo-250 | carbathiin | F | + | + | + | + | – | + | – | + | – | – |
| [1]Vitaflo-280 | carbathiin + thiram | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | – | + | + | + |
| [1]Vitavax Powder | carbathiin + thiram | P (DB) | + | + | + | + | + | + | – | + | + | + |
| **Seed Treatments With Insecticides** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mergamma N-M | maneb + lindane | P (DB) | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| Co-op N M Dual Purpose | maneb + lindane | P (DB) | + | + | + | – | – | + | – | – | + | + |
| [1]Vitaflo Dual Purpose | carbathiin + thiram + lindane | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | – | + | + | + |
| Vitavax Dual Powder | carbathiin + thiram + lindane | P (DB) | + | + | + | + | + | + | – | + | + | + |

[1]*Read the paragraph on seed treatments, and also the sections Loose Smut of Barley, Loose Smut of Wheat.*

[2]*EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); P (Powder); F (Flowable); DB (Drill Box Application).*

*+ Recommended for disease listed.*

*– NOT recommended.*

### Micronutrients

Manganese deficiency occurs occasionally on cereals in Ontario. Copper deficiency may occur on organic soils and is suspected in rare occasions on very sandy soils. Boron deficiency has not been diagnosed on cereals and boron applications can be toxic. Zinc deficiency on cereals does not appear to be a problem.

Manganese deficiency frequently occurs when wheat, oats or barley are grown on an organic soil. It can occasionally occur on mineral soils high in organic matter and on very sandy soils. On oats, manganese deficiency appears as irregular oval gray spots on the leaves. On barley and wheat, it appears more commonly as a light yellow color on the leaves with the veins in the leaf remaining slightly darker green. In addition to deficiency symptoms on leaves, both soil tests and plant analyses are useful in predicting where manganese deficiencies are likely to occur. Both are available at the OMAF accredited soil testing and plant analysis laboratories. Correct the deficiency as soon as detected by spraying the foliage with 2 kg manganese/ha from manganese sulfate (8 kg manganese sulfate/ha) in 200 L of water.

A "spreader-sticker" in the spray is recommended. If the deficiency is severe, a second spray may be beneficial.

Soil application is not a recommended way to apply manganese regardless of source because of the large amounts required.

Mixtures of herbicides and foliar fertilizers should not be applied to crop foliage unless recommended by competent authorities.

For further details on manganese deficiencies and on methods of application, refer to OMAF Factsheet, *Manganese in Soybeans and Small Grain Production*, Agdex 100/531.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN CEREAL CROPS

**(see also Pesticides section)**

### Seed Treatment

Following cleaning, all cereal should be treated with a seed treatment. Good coverage of the seed is essential. Follow the precautions under *Seed Treatments* in *General Information on Pesticide Usage* section, when applying any chemical seed treatment.

Seed treatments control certain soil and seed-borne cereal diseases. The recommended seed treatments and diseases controlled are given in Table 67.

## DISEASES

See OMAF Factsheets, *Leaf Diseases of Winter Wheat*, Agdex 112/600; *Head Diseases of Winter Wheat*, Agdex 112/630; *Yellow Dwarf of Cereals*, Agdex 110/632; *Root, Crown and Basal Stem Diseases of Winter Wheat*, Agdex 112/630.

### Diseases Affecting Wheat, Barley and Oats

**Powdery mildew** is favored by warm, humid weather. White powdery growth of the mildew fungus appears on the foliage and sometimes on the heads. Wheat, barley and oats are each attacked by different strains of the fungus. In areas prone to severe mildew, use the more resistant varieties of winter wheat (Table 53) or resistant varieties of barley (Table 46). Also see Table 68 for control with fungicides.

**Ergot** occurs from time to time on barley and triticale. Exercise caution in feeding grain containing the black ergot bodies to livestock, especially swine. Do not sow seed containing ergot. Consult Agriculture Canada Publication 1438, *Ergot of Grains and Grasses*.

**Barley Yellow Dwarf or Oat Red Leaf**. This disease was unusually severe in 1959 and 1976. It is unlikely to be severe unless warm weather and southerly winds occur in April. Direct control by spraying the aphids which carry the virus is unlikely to be useful. Early seeding is an advantage in spring grains. Winter wheat also is susceptible to barley yellow dwarf. Late planting helps to avoid infection in the fall. See OMAF Factsheet, *Yellow Dwarf of Cereals*, Agdex 110/632.

### Wheat Diseases

**Loose Smut**. Sow pedigreed seed. Vitaflo-280 which contains carbathiin for smut control and thiram for control of seedling blight is recommended for wheat grown for food or feed. All wheat grown for seed should be treated with Vitaflo-250 or the higher rate of Vitaflo-280 for effective smut control.

**Dwarf bunt** occurs on winter wheat primarily in counties bordering Georgian Bay and Lake Huron where snow cover is deep and persistent in late winter and early spring. The bunt fungus survives for many years in the soil and can also be seed-borne. Treatment of infested seed with a seed treatment containing carbathiin will control dwarf bunt on the seed. None of the registered seed treatments will control soil-borne dwarf bunt.

**Fusarium seedling blight** can be carried on seed or in crop debris. The fungus causes poor germination and reduced plant stands. If the seed treatment already applied does not contain maneb or thiram, a seed treatment containing maneb or thiram should be added. See Table 67.

**Fusarium Head Blight (Scab)** outbreaks occur when the weather is warm and wet at the flowering to soft-dough stages. Vomitoxin may be present in diseased heads. See OMAF Factsheets, *Head Diseases of Winter Wheat*, Agdex 112/630 and *Controlling Fusarium Mycotoxosis In Swine*, Agdex 440/60.

Avoid planting wheat following wheat or corn. When residues from either of these crops are left on the surface and wheat is subsequently planted, the chance of Fusarium Head Blight infections are greatly increased. Clean plowing of infected residues reduces the risk of infection from spores originating from within the field; however, Head Blight may still result from spores blown in from surrounding fields and under favourable weather conditions.

**Table 68. Foliar Disease Control in Wheat[1]**

| Fungicide | Product/ha | Days to Harvest | Diseases | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Septoria Glume Blotch | Septoria Leaf Spot | Rust — Leaf | Rust — Stem | Powdery Mildew | Tan Spot |
| *Bayleton 50WP | 250-550 g | 60 | – | – | + | + | + | – |
| Dithane M45 | 2.25 kg | 40 | + | + | + | – | – | + |
| Tilt 250E[1] | 500 mL | 45 | + | + | + | + | + | + |

*WP (Wettable Powder); E (Emulsifiable Concentrate).*

*+ Recommended for diseases listed.*

*– NOT recommended.*

** Temporary Registration (Restricted). For more information see Federal Registration and Provincial Classification, inside front cover. Bayleton 50 WP is classified in Ontario for use only on hard red and soft white winter wheat. A Provincial Permit is required.*

*[1]Tilt is also classified for use on spring barley for control of powdery mildew, rust and leaf spot diseases.*

**Eyespot, Strawbreaker and Take All** are often damaging, especially when wheat follows wheat. Avoid early planting. Clean plowing helps to reduce eyespot severity. Include crops such as soybeans, field beans, canola, clovers, alfalfa or oats in the rotation.

**Septoria leaf spot** is most severe at the heading stage but also develops under snow cover. Irregular brown spots, often speckled with black fungal bodies, appear on the leaves. No symptoms appear on the heads. Wet, windy weather and moderate temperatures are favorable to disease development.

**Septoria glume blotch** develops mainly after the heads emerge. Oval brown spots appear on the leaves and purplish-brown areas appear on the head. The affected areas are often speckled with tiny brown fungal bodies. Wet, windy weather and warm temperatures favor the disease. Rotation with crops other than cereals and plowing down of cereal residues help to control glume blotch. Treat seeds with a recommended fungicide. See Table 68 for control with fungicides.

**Tan Spot** normally becomes severe only in wheat under conservation tillage. Avoid planting wheat in conservation tillage fields in which wheat was grown during the preceding two years. Also see Table 68 for control with fungicides.

**Leaf rust** is often widespread, especially after wheat heads emerge. The rust fungus appears to overwinter on winter wheat and may also be blown from the U.S.A. Information on resistance of wheat varieties from leaf rust is given in Table 53. See also Table 68 for control with fungicides.

**Stem rust** may be serious in wheat grown near common barberry. The common barberry is the source of the rust fungus and should be destroyed. Contact your Area Weed Inspector or Ministry of Agriculture and Food office for assistance in identification and control. See Table 68.

**Snow Mold**. In years when snow mold causes great reduction in winter wheat stands, reseed as soon as possible with a spring grain. This disease does not affect spring-planted grain.

## Barley Diseases

**Loose Smut**. Sow pedigreed seed of a resistant barley variety. However, these varieties are resistant ONLY to the prevalent races of smut fungus and may not resist other races. It is **strongly recommended** that **all barley seed be treated with Vitaflo-280** or a drillbox formulation containing carbathiin.

**Spot Blotch, Seedling Blight, Root Rot and Head Blight** are often serious and widespread and are caused by the same fungus. The fungus overwinters in seed, barley debris and soil. All barley seed should be treated with the fungicide Vitaflo-280 to control the fungus inside the seed and that which invades seedlings from the soil. To reduce severity of spot blotch and head blight, avoid growing barley after barley, wheat and grasses. Early planting helps to avoid serious disease in July. Disease is less severe on barley grown in mixture with oats.

**Net Blotch and Scald** especially occur in cool, humid seasons. Two-rowed barleys usually are more susceptible to net blotch and scald than are 6-rowed barleys. To help prevent buildup of these diseases, avoid growing barley after barley, plow down stubble and straw as completely as possible, and treat seed with a fungicide containing carbathiin or maneb (Table 67).

## Oat Diseases

**Septoria Leaf Blotch** in oats can cause severe damage in all recommended varieties. The disease is recognized by the

appearance of mottled, light and dark brown, elongated blotches on the leaf blade, extending to the leaf sheath and culm. Advanced stages on the culm turn black and the weakened culm breaks over easily, resulting in damage due to lodging. Avoid planting oats after oats or mixed grains.

**Oat Leaf Rust** is often serious, especially in central and eastern Ontario. European buckthorn is the source of the rust fungus. Information on resistance of oat varieties to leaf rust is given in Table 48.

**Oat Cyst Nematode**. Damage by the oat cyst nematode is first noticed about two or three weeks after oat plants emerge, at which time heavily infected plants appear to suddenly stop growing, leaves turn pale in color and begin to die back from the tips downward. These plants fail to tiller, resulting in a thin stand of stunted plants which produce little grain. Below ground the root systems are severely stunted and usually discolored, from a pale yellow in early growth to a yellow-brown in mature plants, as compared to the clear white in healthy plants.

To confirm suspected oat cyst nematode damage, send a sample of several plants with adhering soil to the Pest Diagnostic Clinic, Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1 for diagnosis.

If oat cyst nematodes have caused damage, do not plant spring grains the following year. Use legume or row crops in the rotation. Corn can be used if the nematode population is low but will suffer damage if the soil is heavily infested. The nematode invades corn roots but does not reproduce in them; thus consecutive cropping to corn effectively reduces the population of oat cyst nematodes.

## INSECTS

**Wireworms** damage cereal crops in certain areas every year. Injury is usually most severe in the two years following grass sod. As a precautionary measure, use a drill-box formulation containing lindane (see Table 67). Use a wooden paddle to mix the chemical with the seed. Do not breathe the dust stirred up during mixing, wear rubber gloves and a respirator. Follow the precautions in *Precautions with Pesticides* section when using seed treatments.

**Armyworms** are brown to dark green caterpillars with five longitudinal stripes on their bodies. They are 4 cm long when fully grown. They appear in damaging numbers at intervals of about 10 years except for localized infestations which may appear at any time. The caterpillars appear in grain crops during late June to mid-July depending upon geographical location. They can best be detected by examining crops frequently during early evening just before sunset; at this time the caterpillars are moving up on the plants to feed. They hide under clumps of grass and clods of dirt during the day. **Five to six larvae in an area 30 by 30 cm warrant chemical control**.

If foliage is heavily notched and most of the caterpillars are less than 4 cm long, treat immediately. When plants are completely defoliated and most caterpillars are fully grown, treatment is not practical. Each field must be assessed and dealt with separately. Armyworms often move in large numbers from one field to another. When this happens it is advisable to spray the border of the invaded field. There is no benefit in applying a control measure when the armyworm is nearly full grown, the pupae present, feeding extensive or the crop near "maturity." By this time most of the damage will have been done.

**Table 69. Armyworm Control**

| Insecticide | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Dylox 420 LC | 1.5 L | 21 |
| Sevin XLR PLUS 480 Su[1] | 2.5-5.25 L | 14 |
| *Lannate L 215 | 2.0 L | 20 |

*LC (Liquid Concentrate); L (Liquid); Su (Suspension).*

**Minimum period before reentry is 24 hours.*

[1]*Registered on wheat and oats. Several formulations of Sevin are available for use according to label instructions. Sevin XLR PLUS is recommended because it is less hazardous to bees. Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

### Bee Poisoning

During the past several years spraying for armyworms, especially with Sevin, has resulted in heavy bee kills. **This must be avoided**. Treat only when needed. Avoid contamination of areas where weeds are in bloom. Do not spray when the wind is blowing. Treat in the late evening. If spraying by aircraft, avoid spraying close to roadsides and adjacent fields where plants are in bloom. Advise local beekeepers of your spraying activities. Your local Agricultural Representative has a list of beekeepers in your area.

**Cereal Leaf Beetle** is a metallic blue-green beetle 0.5 cm in length, with reddish-orange head and legs. The larva is slug-like in appearance, 0.6 cm in length when mature and yellowish in color, but its true color is obscured by a black deposit of fecal material. Eggs are pinhead in size, elongate and bright yellow to dull brown in color and located along with mid-vein on the upper surface of the leaf.

Both the adults and larvae cause damage by chewing long strips of tissue between the leaf veins. However, most of this injury is done by the larvae in June. Heavily damaged fields take on a silvery appearance.

A parasite which generally controls the cereal leaf beetle is now established throughout Ontario, except in parts of Norfolk County. Treatments may be required in some fields when 2 larvae are found per stem.

Quarantine Regulations. A quarantine is in effect to prevent the spread of this insect to western Canada. Growers contemplating selling baled hay or straw to western Canada should contact the local office of the Food Production and Inspection Branch of Agriculture Canada.

**Table 70. Cereal Leaf Beetle Control**

| Insecticide[3] | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Malathion 500 EC[1] | .55-1.1 L | 7 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 1.75-2.25 L | 30 |
| Guthion Solupak 50 WP[2] | 0.85-1.1 kg | 30 |

*EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); SC (Sprayable Concentrate); WP (Wettable Powder).*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours.*

[1]*Less effective below 20°C.*

[2]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

[3]*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

**Grasshoppers**. If they become destructive control them as indicated in the Forages section.

**Aphids**. Aphids are often found on cereals but are seldom numerous enough to cause reduced yields. There must be at least 75 aphids per head, the cereal not near maturity and no heavy rains forecast (which wash off some aphids) before spraying would pay. Immigrant aphids carry yellow dwarf virus. Unfortunately it is not possible to kill the aphids efficiently enough to prevent disease transmission to cereals.

## INSECTS IN FARM STORED GRAIN

Insects are a major problem in farm stored grain in Ontario. Ontario producers sustain considerable losses annually. In some instances, shipments to elevators are refused because of insects.

**The Key to Control** of insects in stored grain is prevention through good sanitation and storage. The following are essential:

1. Clean up all spills of grain and feed. Such spilled material usually becomes infested and is a major source of insect problems. All residue grain that is removed should either be burned, deposited in a sanitary fill or ground up for feed.
2. Bins and equipment must be thoroughly cleaned before storing grain. This means cleaning out all caked material. Use a good vacuum cleaner. Such cleaning removes old grain that may be infested with insects that would spread to the new grain. In particular check:
   - corners and cracks
   - behind partitions
   - between double walls
   - outside and under bins
   - grain handling equipment
   - aeration piping
   - perforated floors

   There is a major problem with fully perforated floors. They cannot be lifted for cleaning and they get clogged and infested. This is an engineering problem and fumigation is costly and not always effective.
3. New grain must never be stored with old because any insects will spread from the old grain to the new.
4. After clean up, repair storage facilities so that they are pestproof.
5. Any remaining insects that would infest the grain can be killed by spraying the empty bins. Use 250-330 mL of malathion 500 EC in 5 L of water. This will treat 100 $m^2$ of bin surface. **Treat bins two weeks before grain storage**. Sprays are not a substitute for a thorough and complete clean-up. If bin surfaces are dusty or covered with caked material, the spray will not penetrate or adhere to kill crawling insects.

   Indian meal moths are not controlled with malathion. If they are a problem, fumigation may be necessary. Good sanitation practices are most important for Indian meal moth control.
6. Leave space between feed rooms and storage facilities because feed rooms are difficult to keep free of pests and insects can quickly spread to nearby storage facilities. For the same reason, grain should not be stored in buildings that shelter animals or hay because mangers, feed boxes and troughs are often insect-infested. In addition, such buildings are warmer and thus insects can remain active throughout winter.
7. Molds, as well as insects are much more troublesome in moist grain. If stored grain has more than 15% moisture, check it regularly.
8. Using aeration to cool down grain in the fall will reduce insect infestations. Insects do not develop in grain with temperatures below 18°C. Best grain temperature for long-term storage is 5°C to 10°C.

The above program of sanitation and pest proofing usually prevents pest problems. However, inspect and sample grain regularly. Should an insect problem develop in storage, see OMAF Publication 229, *Insects in Farm Stored Grain*, for recommendations on fumigating.

### Precautions

**Fumigants may only be applied by a licenced exterminator.**

**Remove livestock and poultry that are in the same building, especially if they are under the grain bin.**

Some people experience allergic reactions to grain dust and/or molds. Dust masks or respirators will help prevent this when handling grain.

## WEED CONTROL IN CEREAL CROPS

For weed control recommendations, see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*.

# DRY EDIBLE BEANS

## CROP MANAGEMENT

White beans should be planted between May 20 and June 10 in areas of 2500 to 2900 heat units, and between June 5 and June 20 in areas with greater than 2900 heat units. Planting date of colored beans is dependent upon both variety and heat unit availability. Check with the seed distributor for planting recommendations. The correct date of planting will allow the crop to avoid hot, dry weather during flowering and allow harvest during mid-September when favorable harvest conditions are most likely.

Row widths of 70-75 cm are standard for both white beans and colored beans when the bean crop is to be pulled and windrowed. Approximately 250,000 viable seeds per hectare should be planted for a white bean crop, which is a seeding rate of approximately 18 seeds per metre of row or 40 to 55 kg/ha, depending on the seed weight of the variety. Consult the seed distributor for seeding rate recommendations for colored beans.

Row widths of 18-36 cm are standard if the white bean crop is to be direct harvested. Recent testing suggests that 375,000 to 500,000 viable seeds per hectare should be planted to facilitate harvesting. When direct harvest is planned for fields with a history of white mold, a cultivar with a low white mold infection score should be chosen, and the crop should be planted in 36 cm rows.

**Table 71. Dry Edible Bean Variety Recommendations**

| | | | | | Disease Reaction[2] | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Anthracnose | | |
| Variety | Market Class | Days to Maturity | Yield[1] (t/ha) | 100 Seed Weight (g) | Bean Common Mosaic Virus | Alpha Race | Delta Race | White[3] Mold % |
| Mitchell | White | 91 | 2.0 | 20.6 | R | R | S | 15 |
| OAC Seaforth | White | 91 | 2.0 | 21.1 | R | R | R | 18 |
| OAC Sprint | White | 92 | 2.0 | 22.7 | R | R | R | 23 |
| Centralia | White | 94 | 2.3 | 22.2 | R | R | R | 11 |
| Midland | White | 95 | 2.3 | 18.3 | R | S | S | 37 |
| Wesland | White | 96 | 2.4 | 21.7 | R | R | S | 31 |
| Rocket | White | 96 | 2.3 | 22.8 | R | R | S | 30 |
| OAC Cygnus | White | 96 | 2.4 | 22.5 | R | R | R | 35 |
| Stinger | White | 98 | 2.5 | 21.4 | R | S | S | 16 |
| Shetland | White | 99 | 2.5 | 19.0 | R | R | R | 43 |
| OAC Gryphon | White | 99 | 2.5 | 20.0 | R | R | R | 9 |
| Dresden | White | 99 | 2.3 | 20.1 | R | R | R | 42 |
| Fleetside | White | 100 | 2.4 | 20.5 | R | R | R | 42 |
| OAC Rico | White | 100 | 2.4 | 20.2 | R | R | R | 8 |
| Crestwood | White | 101 | 2.6 | 21.6 | R | R | R | 15 |
| Ex Rico 23 | White | 102 | 2.3 | 21.3 | R | S | S | 5 |
| Vista | White | 103 | 2.7 | 20.4 | R | R | R | 9 |
| Harowood | White | 104 | 2.5 | 19.6 | R | R | R | 18 |
| Aresteuben | Yellow Eye | 99 | 1.6 | 42.8 | S | R | R | – |
| California Dark Red | Kidney | 101 | 1.7 | 56.7 | S | R | S | – |
| California Light Red | Kidney | 107 | 1.8 | 57.7 | S | R | S | – |
| California White | Kidney | 107 | 1.6 | 56.9 | S | R | S | – |

[1]*Yields for white and yellow eye beans are based on the mean of 24 trials at 8 locations over 3 years. For kidney beans, yields are based on 11 tests at 6 locations over 3 years.*

[2]*See Disease and Insect Recommendations (R-Resistant, S-Susceptible).*

[3]*White mold ratings are based on percent of plants infected in trials located at Kippen, Mitchell and Brussels in 1990.*

**Table 72. Distributors for Dry Edible Bean Varieties**

| Variety | Distributor[1] |
|---|---|
| Aresteuben | Public variety |
| California Light Red | Public variety |
| California Dark Red | Public variety |
| California White | Public variety |
| Centralia | Public variety |
| Crestwood | Cooks, W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Dresden | Public variety |
| Ex Rico 23 | Public variety |
| Fleetside | Cooks, W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Harowood | Public variety |
| Midland | W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Mitchell | Public variety |
| OAC Cygnus | Public variety |
| OAC Gryphon | Public variety |
| OAC Rico | Public variety |
| OAC Seaforth | Public variety |
| OAC Sprint | Public variety |
| Rocket | W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Shetland | Public variety |
| Stinger | W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Vista | Cooks, W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |
| Wesland | W.G. Thompson and Sons Ltd. |

[1]*See Distributor Addresses in General Information Section.*

# FERTILIZERS FOR DRY EDIBLE BEANS

## Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizers are not usually required for dry edible beans but where phosphate fertilizers are banded a small amount of nitrogen (10 kg N/ha) may improve the availability of the phosphate. Where field bean yields have been low due to bronzing or root rots, apply an additional 100 kg nitrogen per hectare before planting. Under these conditions nitrogen will increase yield but will not cure the bronzing or the root rot.

## Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for dry edible beans are presented in Table 73. For information on the use of this table, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

## Methods of Application

Fertilizer should not be placed in contact with the seed. The fertilizer may be broadcast and plowed down or worked in before planting, or a planter with a separate attachment for fertilizer placement may be used to place the fertilizer 5 cm to the side and 5 cm below the seed. For further information see Table 12, *Maximum Safe Rates of Nutrients* in the *Soils* Section.

## Plant Analysis

For dry edible beans sampling the top fully developed leaf (three leaflets plus stem) at first flowering is recommended. However, plants suspected of nutrient deficiency should be sampled as soon as the problem appears. Expert help will be required to interpret plant analysis results when the samples are not taken at flowering.

A soil sample should be taken from the same area and at the same time as a plant sample.

For more information on plant analysis, see *Plant Analysis* section in *Soils*.

**Table 73. Phosphate and Potash Requirements for Dry Edible Beans Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Potash ($K_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-3 | LOW | 80 | 0-15 | LOW | 120 |
| 4-5 | | 60 | 16-30 | | 110 |
| 6-7 | | 50 | 31-45 | | 90 |
| 8-9 | | 40 | 46-60 | | 80 |
| 10-12 | MEDIUM | 30 | 61-80 | MEDIUM | 60 |
| 13-15 | | 20 | 81-100 | | 40 |
| 16-25 | HIGH | 0 | 101-120 | | 30 |
| 26-60 | VERY HIGH | 0 | 121-150 | HIGH | 0 |
| 61 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 | 151-250 | VERY HIGH | 0 |
| | | | 251 + | EXCESSIVE[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils). Example of fertilizer application: If a bean crop is not manured and the soil tests are 9 for phosphorus and 85 for potassium, the phosphorus requirement is 40 kg/ha and the potash requirement 40 kg/ha (see above table). Ten kilograms of nitrogen are also recommended. These nutrients can be supplied by broadcasting or banding 170 kg of 6-24-24/ha.*

[2]*For a nutrient which has an excessive rating by soil analysis, the application of this nutrient in fertilizer or manure may cause problems due to reduced crop yield or quality. Phosphorus additions may also increase the risk of water pollution. Potash additions may induce magnesium deficiency on soils low in magnesium.*

**Table 74. Interpretation of Plant Analysis for Dry Edible Beans[1]**

| Nutrient | Units | Critical Concentration[2] | Maximum Normal Concentration[3] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nitrogen (N) | % | 4.0 | 5.5 |
| Phosphorus (P) | % | 0.15 | 0.5 |
| Potassium (K) | % | 1.2 | 2.5 |
| Calcium (Ca) | % | – | 5.0 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | % | 0.10 | 1.0 |
| Boron (B) | ppm | 10 | 55 |
| Copper (Cu) | ppm | 4 | 30 |
| Manganese (Mn) | ppm | 14 | 100 |
| Zinc (Zn) | ppm | 14 | 50 |

[1]*Values apply to the top fully developed leaf (3 leaflets plus stem) at first flowering.*

[2]*Yield loss due to nutrient deficiency is expected with nutrient concentrations at or below the "critical" concentration.*

[3]*Maximum normal concentrations are more than adequate but do not necessarily cause toxicities.*

### Micronutrients

Manganese deficiency has been diagnosed occasionally in beans in Ontario, mainly on muck soils or on very sandy soils. Zinc deficiency occurs rarely in beans; it is most likely to occur in spots where the topsoil has been lost. Beans are very sensitive to boron and should not be grown the year after rutabagas that received boron.

With manganese deficiency, the upper leaves range from pale green to almost white, with the veins remaining green. Correct the deficiency as soon as it is detected by spraying the foliage with 2 kg of actual manganese/ha from manganese sulphate (8 kg/ha of manganese sulphate) in 200 L of water. Use of a "spreader-sticker" is recommended.

For more information on manganese deficiency and on methods of application, refer to OMAF Factsheet, *Manganese in Soybeans and Small Grain Production*, Agdex 100/531.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN DRY EDIBLE BEANS

### (see also Pesticides section)

### Seed Treatment

Follow the precautions under *Seed Treatments* in the *General Information on Pesticide Usage* section when applying any chemical seed treatment.

Seed treatments containing diazinon, lindane and a fungicide are required to protect large-seeded crops from seed maggots, wireworms and seed decay organisms. (See Precautions with Pesticides section.)

Application of the insecticides alone may result in reduced germination. Diazinon is used to control seed maggots; lindane to control wireworms and the fungicide to control disease organisms. The combination seed treatment should be applied every year.

Seed treated with Agrox B3 will give better control of soil insects. For varieties susceptible to the delta race of anthracnose use DCT. In addition to diazinon and captan, DCT contains thiophanate-methyl for control of anthracnose. Since DCT does not contain lindane, control of soil insects may be reduced.

Combinations of diazinon, lindane and captan are available from seed suppliers in individual containers. Directions stated on the container should be followed with care; the mixing in the planter box must be thorough or germination will be reduced and insect control will be poor. For your protection while mixing the chemicals with the seed, use a wooden paddle and wear rubber gloves and a respirator. Do not breathe the dust stirred up during mixing.

## DISEASES

### General Preventative Measures

1. All equipment used for cleaning, conveying or planting of seed should be thoroughly washed with detergent to remove all soil. The equipment should then be disinfected with a quaternary ammonium compound (eg., Niagara HY-X) or sodium hypochlorite (eg., 10% Javex). Rinse off the disinfectant with clean water to limit rusting of treated surfaces.
2. Use a 3-to-4-year rotation with non-related crops.
3. Do not apply manure containing bean refuse to land intended for beans.
4. Stay out of bean fields when the foliage is wet to avoid spreading diseases.

**Bacterial Blight** All bean varieties are susceptible to common bacterial blight but most are resistant to Halo Blight. The bacteria usually do not overwinter in the field but, to be safe, allow one year between crops. Almost all infections begin from infected seed. **Do not plant seed which has been harvested from diseased plants.**

**Anthracnose** The currently recommended varieties of white bean are resistant to alpha, beta and gamma races of anthracnose. Consult Table 71 for varieties resistant to the delta race.

The fungus survives from year to year on seed, on infected plant straw, in the soil and on farm machinery. Rainy weather favors this disease as spores are splashed from diseased areas and carried in wind-borne water droplets throughout the field. For varieties susceptible to the delta race, plant anthracnose-free seed. When the disease condition of the seed is not known, treat with DCT at the recommended rates. This product will not control anthracnose if seed is severely infested. DCT may not contain sufficient diazinon to control seed corn maggot when severe.

**Bean Common Mosaic**. This virus is seed-borne. Do not use seeds harvested from diseased plants. Disease-resistant varieties are available as listed in the table of *Dry Edible Bean Variety Recommendations*.

**Root Rot and Bronzing** (ozone damage) occur in almost every field every year. The amount of damage is related to the general health of the crop as well as to the amount of

root-rotting organisms in the soil or ozone in the air. Beans which are not growing well have more injury from root rot and bronzing than vigorous beans.

Eliminating these diseases is impossible. Yield losses caused by them can be reduced by following good soil management practices.

1. Increase nitrogen levels; see *Fertilizers for Dry Edible Beans*.
2. Keep organic matter as high as possible.
3. Maintain or build up good soil tilth by not overworking the soil or working it when it is too wet.

**White Mold (Sclerotinia)** usually begins to appear by mid-August. The fungus disease develops from windblown spores produced from small black bodies (sclerotia) that survive in the soil over winter. The sclerotia are found on and in stems and pods of infected plants and at harvest are scattered over the soil. These sclerotia are not toxic to livestock. Initial infection occurs on plant tissues such as older flowers or possibly lower leaves that have died from other causes. Infection of healthy pods, stems and leaves results from infected plant parts coming in contact with healthy plant tissues. Weather conditions, especially rainfall, play a critical role in disease development. In areas where disease is widespread, crop rotation, especially after soybeans, canola or sunflowers, has not given control. Spraying with fungicides is considered essential in fields with the following conditions:

– a past history of white mold;
– above average foliage growth;
– exposure to continuous wetness and air temperatures between 15 and 20°C (day and night temperatures) for more than 48 hours (fewer hours if temperatures are higher).

For most effective control, foliar sprays must be applied at first bloom prior to appearance of disease. Sprays applied after disease first appears do not control white mold effectively.

**Table 75. White Mold Control**

| Fungicide | Product per ha |
|---|---|
| Benlate 50 W | 1.7-2.25 kg |
| Rovral 50 W | 1.0-1.5 kg |
| Easout 70 W | 1.75-2.25 kg |
| Botran 75 W | 3.25 kg |

*W (Wettable Powder)*
*Do NOT feed treated bean refuse to livestock.*

## INSECTS

**Seedcorn Maggots** can be a serious problem in large-seeded crops such as beans. The adults are attracted to fields with high levels of organic matter such as heavy crop residue, green manure and livestock manure. The maggots are particularly bothersome in cool backward springs, and can result in serious losses in plant stand by feeding on the germinating seedling before it emerges. Avoiding fields with high levels of organic matter and planting in warm soils help to reduce the risk. Seed should be treated to protect against maggots. Refer to section on *Seed Treatment* on the previous page.

**Green Cloverworm** is a greenish caterpillar that feeds on bean foliage, causing holes in leaves and reducing yield. Shake worms from plants onto paper to count them. If more than five caterpillars are found per 30 cm of row, apply an insecticide as listed in Table 76.

**Table 76. Cloverworm Control**

| Insecticide[1] | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Thiodan 4 EC | 1.5-2.0 L | 2 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 1.75-2.25 L | 3 |
| *Guthion Solupak 50 WP[2] | 0.85-1.1 kg | 3 |

*EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); SC (Sprayable Concentrate); WP (Wettable Powder).*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours.*

[1]*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

[2]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

### Mexican Bean Beetle

Mexican bean beetles are oval in shape with 16 small black spots on their otherwise yellowish back. The larvae are easily identified by their yellow color and the presence of six rows of long branching, black-tipped spines. Growers should treat their plants when this insect is causing damage.

### Potato Leafhoppers

Potato leafhoppers are pale green, wedged-shaped insects about 0.3 cm long. They are best identified by observing how they walk. They can walk equally well forwards, backwards and sideways when disturbed.

Leafhoppers may cause reductions in yield when they are numerous early in the season and the crop is under stress. The flowering and early pod-fill stages are also important. If leafhoppers are numerous at first cultivation, control measures should be taken. Recheck fields at last cultivation (just before the crop fills the rows) to see whether another application is necessary. Normally, applications at last cultivation will control leafhoppers well into pod-fill. When control is necessary, apply one of the insecticides in Table 77.

**Table 77. Mexican Bean Beetle and Leafhopper Controls**

| Insecticide[1] | Product per ha | Days to Harvest | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cygon 480 E | 0.7-1.0 L | 7 | Do not use straw for feed or bedding. |
| Thiodan 4 EC | 1.5-2.0 L | 2 | |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 2.25 L | 3 | |
| *Guthion Solupak 50 WP[2] | 1.1 kg | 3 | |

*E or EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); SC (Sprayable Concentrate); WP (Wettable Powder).*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated area is 48 hours.*

[1]*Follow precautions applying to honeybees.*

[2]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

*Products may be applied as a band over the row. See section on Band Spraying of Insecticides.*

**Grasshoppers** Maintain weed-free headlands and fencerows.

## WEED CONTROL IN DRY EDIBLE BEANS

For weed control recommendations see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control.*


# SPRING AND WINTER CANOLA

## SPRING CANOLA

## CROP MANAGEMENT

Spring canola is a cool season crop suited to areas with less than 2700 heat units.

Seeding should be done as early as soil conditions permit. Planting time should be late April to early May. Yield reductions will occur if seeding is delayed. Plant 4 to 5 kg/ha of seed in 18 cm rows (15 to 20 seeds per metre) with a grain drill or Brillion-type seeder into a fine, firm seedbed. Planting depth should be 2 to 3 cm if there is adequate moisture, and deeper if necessary to plant in moisture, but not deeper than 4 cm. If a granular insecticide is to be used for flea beetle control, it should be thoroughly mixed with the seed before calibrating the drill.

Canola is highly susceptible to phenoxy herbicides such as 2,4-D and MCPA. Be sure spraying equipment is cleaned out thoroughly before using on canola.

Spring canola should be swathed when 25% of the seeds in pods from the middle portion of the plants have changed color from green to red or brown. Leave as long a stubble as possible. Swathing when the crop is moist aids flow through the swather. Canola in the swath matures in 5 to 10 days under ideal weather. Seed can be marketed at 10% moisture but for long-term storage 8% moisture is recommended. Under good drying conditions, moisture content drops rapidly and combining can begin at about 12% moisture.

For additional information, see OMAF Factsheet, *Spring Canola in Ontario*, Agdex 149/10.

## VARIETY SELECTION

All varieties shown in Table 78 are Argentine-type varieties recommended for most areas with less than 2700 heat units.

### Triazine-resistant Varieties

Mustard seed can not be cleaned out of canola. More than 5% mustard contamination can mean rejection of the canola by elevators or crushers. Consider growing triazine-resistant varieties in fields that have a mustard problem.

**Table 78. Recommended Spring Canola Varieties**

| Variety | Days from Planting to Maturity | Yield[1,2] (t/ha) | Lodging[3] | Distributor[4] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Legend | 98 | 2.25 | 2.3 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |
| Vanguard | 98 | 2.25 | 2.2 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |
| Kristina (W1471) | 100 | 2.39 | 1.6 | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| Celebra | 100 | 2.42 | 1.8 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |
| Mermaid | 100 | 2.45 | 1.4 | Oseco Ltd. |
| Delta | 101 | 2.42 | 2.4 | W.G. Thompson & Sons Ltd. |
| Scana | 101 | 2.44 | 1.6 | Oseco Ltd. |
| Global | 103 | 2.34 | 1.6 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |
| **Triazine-Resistant** | | | | |
| OAC Triton | 100 | 1.58 | 2.9 | SeCan Members |
| OAC Triumph | 101 | 1.65 | 1.9 | SeCan Members |
| Stallion | 102 | 1.80 | 2.0 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |

[1]*1 t/ha = 893 lb/ac.*

[2]*Values shown are averages of 16 locations over 3 years.*

[3]*Scale of 1-5, where 1 = standing and 5 = flat.*

[4]*See distributor addresses in General Information Section.*

# FERTILIZERS FOR SPRING CANOLA

## Nitrogen

Nitrogen fertilizer recommendations for canola are based on expected yield and adjusted downward if manure was applied, or if the previous crop contained legumes such as alfalfa (see Tables 4 and 5).

**Table 79. Nitrogen Requirements for Spring Canola**

| Price Ratio[2] | Expected Yield[1] — t/ha 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Most profitable nitrogen application[3] (kg N/ha) | | | |
| 500[4] | 125 | 150 | 165 | 175 |
| 400 | 100 | 130 | 150 | 160 |
| 300 | 60 | 100 | 125 | 140 |

[1]*t/ha = 893 lb/acre.*

[2]*To use the table, the price of canola must be known or estimated. Canola at $320/t and nitrogen at $.65/kg results in a price ratio of 500 (320 ÷ 0.65). At these prices and an expected yield of 2.0 t/ha you should use 150 kg/ha of nitrogen.*

[3]*Nitrogen rates should be adjusted downward if the preceding crop was a legume sod (see Nitrogen Adjustment for Legumes Plowed Down section) or if manure is applied (see Manure section in Soils).*

[4]*The highlighted area represents the most appropriate ratio at time of printing.*

**Table 80. Phosphate and Potash Requirements for Spring Canola Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-3 | Low | 70 | 0-15 | Low | 70 |
| 4-5 | | 60 | 16-30 | | 50 |
| 6-7 | | 50 | 31-45 | | 40 |
| 8-9 | | 30 | 46-60 | | 30 |
| 10-12 | Medium | 20 | 61-80 | Medium | 20 |
| 13-15 | | 20 | 81-100 | | 20 |
| 16-20 | High | 0 | 101-120 | High | 0 |
| 21-25 | | 0 | 121-150 | Very High | 0 |
| 26-30 | | 0 | 151-180 | | 0 |
| 31-40 | Very High | 0 | 181-210 | | 0 |
| 41-50 | | 0 | 211-250 | | 0 |
| 51-60 | | 0 | 251+ | Excessive[2] | 0 |
| 61+ | Excessive[2] | 0 | | | |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

[2]*Excessive ratings may cause reduced yield or quality of the crop.*

### Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for canola are given in Table 80. For information on the use of this table, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN SPRING CANOLA

### (see also Pesticides section)

### Seed Treatment

Canola seed should be treated with a combination of fungicide and insecticide. The fungicide is required to control seed-borne and early soil-borne diseases, especially blackleg, seed decay, damping-off and seedling blight. Insecticides are to control flea beetles on emerging canola. Seed may have been commercially treated. Untreated seed should be treated by the grower. Use the following at rates recommended on the label.

**Table 81. Canola Seed Treatments**

| Seed Treatment | Formulation[1] | Fungicide | Insecticide |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vitavax RS | F | 3.3% carbathiin<br>6.6% thiram | 50% lindane |
| Rovral ST | F | 16.7% iprodione | 50% lindane |
| Premiere Flowable | F | 1.6% thiabendazole<br>4.8% thiram | 40% lindane |

[1]*F (Flowable)*

### DISEASES

**White mold (Sclerotinia)** is characterized by bleached stem lesions, hard black bodies (sclerotia) of white mold fungus inside the stems, and premature ripening of the plants. The disease is often a problem when canola follows canola, white beans, soybeans or sunflowers. Use clean seed and rotations of at least four years including unaffected crops such as corn, wheat, barley or oats. Treatment with a fungicide may be advisable when conditions favor white mold but the fungicide must be applied **before** symptoms appear. The risk of white mold is high when the disease developed in previous crops, when the canola stand is dense and vigorous, and when several days of wet weather precedes the early flowering stage. Fungicides should be applied at the 20 to 30% bloom stage of canola, in a minimum of 80 L/ha of water with ground equipment, or 45 L/ha of water with aerial application.

**Blackleg (Phoma)** Blackleg is established in Ontario. Refer to *Disease* section, *Winter Canola*.

### INSECTS

**Flea beetles** Two species of flea beetle attack canola. The striped flea beetle is about 1.5 mm long and has two cream-colored stripes along its back. The crucifer flea beetle is entirely bluish-black and about the same size. Flea beetles jump when disturbed, thus their common name. The adults eat holes through leaves. Larvae feed on the roots of canola and other cruciferous plants but are not considered damaging.

Both kinds of flea beetles overwinter as adults and can attack canola in the spring after germination. Damage is most severe during the initial three weeks following germination, when young seedlings are killed or seriously damaged. Feeding on the foliage continues during the season but more mature plants are less severely affected. Severe infestations have caused 50% reductions in yield.

Control measures should be directed against the beetles during the early stages of seedling growth. Seed treatments (Table 81) should always be used because they provide protection from seed- and soil-borne diseases and protect the young seedlings from flea beetles. (See the preceding section for information on seed treatments.) However, flea beetles can attack suddenly after the effect of the seed treatment is gone so a granular applied with the seed (Table 81) is also recommended. This combination of seed treatment and granular at planting provides the best protection. Heavily infested areas may also require a foliar spray to control flea beetles. Check the seedling fields regularly, especially along weedy borders. More severe damage is expected in such areas because of the proximity of the overwintering sites of the beetles.

**Table 82. Flea Beetle Control**

| Insecticide | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| **Seed-furrow application:** | | |
| Counter 5G | 5.5-11 kg | Planting time only |
| Furadan CR-10G | 2.8 kg | |
| **Postemergent spray:** | | |
| Cymbush 250 EC | 140 mL | 30 |
| Ripcord 400 EC | 50 mL | 30 |
| Decis 2.5 EC | 200-300 mL | 14 |
| *Furadan 480 F | 150-275 mL | 60 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | 275-550 mL | 30 |
| *Guthion Solupak 50 WP | 150-275 g | 30 |
| Sevin XLR PLUS 480Su | 500 mL | 60 |

*G (Granular); F (Flowable); WP (Wettable Powder); SC (Sprayable Concentrate); EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); CR (Special formulation for Canola Rape); Su (Suspension).*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours. See reentry into Treated Areas.*

[1]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

**Diamondback Moth** The adult is a small light brown moth about 1 cm long. It is best identified by the white diamond-shaped markings along the back when the wings are at rest. Apparently this pest does not overwinter in Ontario. The severity of attack is dependent on the number of moths carried into Ontario each spring on weather systems.

Damage is caused by the larvae which are light green with brown heads and are about 1 cm long when mature. There are three or four generations in Ontario. They feed on the foliage and when numerous they will feed on the pods. This

damage results in premature senescence and shattering of pods at harvest.

**Table 83. Diamondback Moth Control**

| Product | Product per ha | Days to Harvest |
|---|---|---|
| Dylox[1] 80% SP | 1.5 kg | 21 |
| 420 L | 2.75 L | 21 |
| *Guthion 240 SC | .55-1.25 L | 30 |
| *Guthion Solupak 50 WP[2] | 275-550 g | 30 |

*SP (Soluble Powder); L (Liquid); WP (Wettable Powder); SC (Sprayable Concentrate).*

[1]*Use Dylox if canola is in bloom because it is less hazardous to bees.*

[2]*See note under General Information on Pesticide Usage regarding the use of soluble packaging.*

**Minimum period before reentry into treated areas is 48 hours. See Reentry into Treated Areas.*

**Caution**: Canola is a valuable honey source and is well used by honeybees. Bees aid in pollinating the crop. Applications of insecticide should be kept minimal while the crop is in bloom. See *Protect Honeybees* section and take appropriate caution.

## WEED CONTROL IN CANOLA

For weed control recommendations, see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*

# WINTER CANOLA

## CROP MANAGEMENT

Under good management, winter canola has greater yield potential than spring canola. Winter canola is best suited to areas with good winter snow cover, low risk of ice accumulation and moderate climate.

Winter canola grows best on loam or sandy loam soils. Poorly drained soils and heavy clay soils should be avoided since root heaving may occur.

Seeding should be done August 15-30 (Aug. 20-Sept. 10 in Kent and Essex Counties) into a level, firm, moist seedbed. Plant 4 to 5 kg/ha of seed in 18 cm rows (15 to 20 seeds per metre) with a grain drill. Broadcast seeding is recommended only if soil fertility and tilth are optimal. Plant to a depth of 2 to 3 cm or to moisture, but do not exceed 4 cm. If a granular insecticide is to be used for flea beetle control, it should be thoroughly mixed with the seed before calibrating the drill.

Winter canola is highly susceptible to phenoxy herbicides such as 2,4-D and MCPA and is also susceptible to triazine herbicides. Swath when 50-60% of the seeds in pods from the middle portion of the plants have changed from green to black or direct-combine when seed moisture is 10% or lower, unless drying facilities are available. Winter canola in the swath will be ready to combine in 5 to 10 days under good weather conditions. Seed can be marketed at 10% moisture but for long-term storage 8% moisture is recommended.

## VARIETY SELECTION

Growers may choose among several varieties of winter canola (see Table 84). All are Argentine-type.

## FERTILIZERS FOR WINTER CANOLA

### Nitrogen

#### Fall Application

Apply up to 40 kg/ha of nitrogen in the fall. If the land was fallowed for one or more months before planting, or if forage legumes were plowed down, or manure applied before planting, no fertilizer nitrogen should be applied.

#### Spring Application

The rate for spring application of nitrogen is given in Table 85.

**Table 84. Recommended Winter Canola Varieties**

| Variety | Yield[1,2] (t/ha) | Winter Survival (%) | Lodging[3] | Distributor[4] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arabella | 2.67 | 85.5 | 1.4 | AgriSeed Ltd. |
| Ceres | 2.84 | 85.6 | 1.4 | King Agro |
| Husky | 2.98 | 92.1 | 1.4 | Bonis & Co. Ltd. |

[1]*1 t/ha = 893 lb/ac.*

[2]*Values shown are averages of 10 trials over 3 years.*

[3]*Scale of 1-5, where 1 = standing and 5 = flat.*

[4]*See distributor addresses in General Information Section.*

Table 85. Spring Nitrogen Requirements for Winter Canola

| Price Ratio[2] | Expected Yield[1] — t/ha | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Most profitable nitrogen application (kg N/ha) | | |
| 500[3] | 180 | 210 | 220 |
| 400 | 160 | 195 | 210 |
| 300 | 125 | 170 | 195 |

[1]*t/ha = 893 lb/acre.*

[2]*To use this table, the price of canola must be known or estimated. Canola at $320/t and nitrogen at $.65/kg results in a price ratio of 500 (320 ÷ 0.65). At these prices and an expected yield of 3.0 t/ha you should use 210 kg/ha of nitrogen.*

[3]*The highlighted area represents the most appropriate ratio at time of printing.*

### Phosphate and Potash

For phosphate and potash recommendations see section on *Fertilizers For Spring Canola*.

## DISEASE AND INSECT CONTROL IN WINTER CANOLA

### Seed Treatment

Refer to *Seed Treatment* section, *Spring Canola*.

### DISEASES

**Blackleg (phoma)** Blackleg is established in Ontario. Yield losses of up to 35% have been reported in individual fields. The first symptoms appear on cotyledons or leaves as round to irregular (1-2 cm), white to buff-colored lesions dotted with numerous small, black fruiting bodies (pycnidia). As the season progresses, the fungus may spread to the stem and crown of the plant producing a canker (often containing pycnidia) that can girdle the stem. Severely infected plants ripen prematurely and have a black to grey discoloration at the base of the stem or crown. Seeds of severely infected plants are small, shrivelled and may be infected with the fungus. To control the disease, obtain seed from a reliable seed source and treat seed with a fungicide (Table 81). Use a 4 year rotation with crops other than crucifers. Beware of planting canola adjacent to fields of previous canola since air-borne spores may be released from old crop stubble for up to 3-4 years. Efficient plough-down of stubble and control of volunteer canola and cruciferous weeds will help to reduce disease levels and is particularly important in headlands.

**White mold (Sclerotinia)** Refer to *Disease* section, *Spring Canola*.

**Turnip Mosaic Virus (TuMV)** has become a significant problem in some areas where winter canola is grown. Infestation takes place in the fall, and causes leaf mottling (yellow or light green areas surrounded by normal green color), and wrinkling or puckering of the leaf tissue between the veins. Spring growth is slow. Severely infected plants are stunted, twisted, and generally light green to yellow in color. Pods are distorted and a significant proportion of the seed are poorly filled. The disease appears to be more severe in areas where other cruciferous crops are grown, and in fields where pressure from weeds and volunteer cereals is high. Volunteer crops of winter canola often have high levels of TuMV infections. Early planting may be helpful in increasing winter survival of the crop in some areas, but appears to also increase the severity of TuMV where the disease is present. Only minor levels of TuMV infection have been observed in spring canola.

### INSECTS

**Flea beetles** Refer to Table 82. *Flea Beetle Control* in the *Insect* Section, *Spring Canola*. Flea beetle damage is generally limited to the fall period in winter canola.

**Diamondback moths.** Refer to Table 83. *Diamondback Moth Control* in the *Insect* Section, *Spring Canola*.

## WEED CONTROL IN WINTER CANOLA

For weed control recommendations, see OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control*.

## FERTILIZERS FOR MINOR CROPS

**Table 86. Nitrogen Requirements — Minor Crops**

| Crops | N Required[1] kg/ha |
|---|---|
| Buckwheat, Millet (S. Ontario) | 35 |
| Buckwheat, Millet (N. Ontario) | 55 |
| Flax, Fodder Rape, Kale (S. Ontario) | 45 |
| Flax, Fodder Rape, Kale (N. Ontario) | 70 |
| Mustard | 50 |
| Sorghum | 100 |
| Sunflower | 90 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied or the preceding crop is a legume sod, reduce the nitrogen rates as shown in Tables 4 and 5.*

**Table 87. Phosphate Requirements for Minor Crops Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| | Sorghum, Sunflower | | Buckwheat, Flax, Fodder Rape, Kale, Millet and Mustard | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sodium Bicarbonate Phosphorus Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Phosphate ($P_2O_5$)[1] Required kg/ha |
| 0-3 | Low | 110 | Low | 70 |
| 4-5 | | 100 | | 60 |
| 6-7 | | 90 | | 50 |
| 8-9 | | 70 | | 30 |
| 10-12 | Medium | 50 | Medium | 20 |
| 13-15 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 16-20 | | 20 | | 0 |
| 21-25 | High | 20 | High | 0 |
| 26-30 | | 20 | | 0 |
| 31-60 | Very high | 0 | Very high | 0 |
| 61+ | Excessive[2] | 0 | Excessive[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils). For sunflowers, not manured and not following a legume sod the nitrogen requirement is 90 kg/ha (see Table 86). If the soil tests are 11 for phosphate and 90 for potash, then 50 kg/ha of each would be required. An application of 200 kg/ha of 6-24-24 would supply 12 kg of nitrogen and 48 kg/ha of phosphate and 48 kg/ha of potash. The additional 78 kg/ha of nitrogen could be supplied by 175 kg/ha of 45-0-0.*

[2]*Excessive ratings may cause reduced yield or affect nutrient balance in crops and increase the risk of water pollution.*

### Phosphate and Potash

Phosphate and potash requirements for minor crops are given in Tables 87 and 88. For information on the use of these tables, or if you do not have an OMAF accredited soil test, refer to *Fertilizer Recommendations* in the *Soils* section of this publication.

**Table 88. Potash Requirements for Minor Crops Based on OMAF Accredited Soil Tests**

| | Sorghum, Sunflower | | Buckwheat, Flax, Fodder Rape, Kale, Millet and Mustard | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ammonium Acetate Potassium Soil Test (ppm) | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha | Rating | Potash ($K_2O$)[1] Required kg/ha |
| 0-15 | Low | 170 | Low | 70 |
| 16-30 | | 160 | | 50 |
| 31-45 | | 140 | | 40 |
| 46-60 | | 110 | | 30 |
| 61-80 | | 80 | Medium | 20 |
| 81-100 | Medium | 50 | | 20 |
| 101-120 | | 30 | High | 0 |
| 121-150 | High | 0 | | 0 |
| 151-180 | | 0 | Very high | 0 |
| 181-210 | Very high | 0 | | 0 |
| 211-250 | | 0 | | 0 |
| 250+ | Excessive[2] | 0 | Excessive[2] | 0 |

*100 kg/ha = 90 lb/ac.*

[1]*Where manure is applied reduce the fertilizer application according to the amount and quality of manure (see Manure section in Soils).*

[2]*Excessive ratings may cause reduced yield or quality of crops primarily due to magnesium deficiency. Natural levels above 250 occur occasionally on clay and clay loam soils but are not expected to cause problems because soils naturally high in potassium are usually high in magnesium.*

# GENERAL INFORMATION ON PESTICIDE USAGE

Brands of a pesticide from different companies often have different concentrations of the same chemical in them. Consequently, if you use one with a concentration different from that listed in the recommendations in this publication, you will need to adjust the rate of application so that you will be applying the same amount of actual chemical (active ingredient).

## PRECAUTIONS WITH ALL PESTICIDES

**Read this entire section before using any pesticides:**

## GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

1. Always read the label before opening pesticide containers, and follow all precautions and directions. Before starting, keep a record of the common names of all pesticides handled, especially those listed as hazardous in this publication. This list should be known by members of your family for use in the event of an accident.
2. Use an anti-backflow device, to prevent back siphoning, when drawing water from wells, ponds, streams and other sources of water. Mix pesticide into the tank with sprayer at least 50 m from the water source. Triple or pressure rinse the empty container and add rinse water to tank. Only mix enough solution to do the spray job. After loading and mixing, wash down gloves and boots with clean water before removing.
3. Never smoke, chew tobacco or eat while handling or applying pesticides. Do not carry tobacco or food items in clothes worn while spraying. Change clothing and wash before eating.
4. When handling and mixing pesticide concentrates, rinsing empty containers or repairing leaks, a full set of protective clothing should be worn including waterproof cap, coveralls, impervious gloves and boots, and eye protectors. If highly or extremely toxic pesticides are being used, a respirator should be worn. If very dusty formulations are being handled, a dust mask should be used. If volatiles or gases are being handled, a respirator must be worn. If these gases are highly dangerous or in an enclosed space, a self-contained breathing apparatus may be needed.
5. During application, a tractor cab with charcoal filter gives adequate protection against exposure. Impervious gloves, boots, coveralls and cap should be worn when tending to stoppages. When using airblast and mist blowers and tractors without cabs, waterproof suits including caps and impervious gloves and boots should be worn. When applying fumigants in the field, a respirator should be available for use in the event of problems with equipment, or escape of fumigant due to inadequate sealing in the soil.
6. When the spray operation is complete, bath or shower after spraying to remove pesticide deposits on the skin. Avoid handling anything in the home before bathing.
7. Well, pond and surface water may be contaminated by pesticides. Every effort should be made to avoid this happening. For more details, see **OMAF Factsheets, Management of Pesticides on the Farm, Agdex 607, Guide to Handling and Applying Herbicide to Protect Water Supplies and Reduce Personal Exposure, Agdex 607**. It is an offence to contaminate surface waters with pesticides. To prevent this from occurring:
   - Keep pesticide concentrates above flood plain in a locked storage.
   - After emptying, triple or pressure rinse, crush and dispose of containers.
   - Mix concentrate and water at least 50 m away from any water supply.
   - Use appropriate buffer zones and berms to avoid surface water contamination of wells, ponds and streams.
   - If possible, do not use drinking water sources to fill spray equipment.
   - Do not spray within 10 m of shallow wells or 5-10 m of other water supplies under ideal conditions and farther away if there is any air movement. Stop spraying when wind velocity reaches 10 km/hr.
   - There are government programs to protect your water supply and assist in building pesticide storage facilities.

## IF ACCIDENTS OCCUR

1. If an accident occurs, remove contaminated clothing including underclothes immediately, and wash contaminated skin thoroughly with soap and water. Wash gloves, boots, respirator before and after removal. Presoak clothes and double launder immediately. If the spill was serious, place the clothes in a plastic bag and dispose of in a safe manner.
2. If clothing becomes wet with a pesticide during spraying, remove it immediately, wash and put on freshly laundered clothes.
3. If symptoms of illness occur during or shortly after handling or applying a pesticide, get the patient to a hospital immediately. Take the list of common-name chemicals with you to the hospital (see Emergency Procedures for Pesticide Poisoning on the back cover).
4. Clean up any pesticide spills immediately. In the case of minor spills, use dry soil or other absorbent material to remove excess liquid and sweep up powders and granulars. Contaminated soil and sweepings should be spread over a larger area of bare soil to facilitate rapid degradation. Make sure you are adequately protected when cleaning up the spill.

In the case of a major pesticide "spill", the Ministry of the Environment, Spills Action Centre, 5th Floor, 7 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, M4H 1A8, Telephone (416) 965-9619 or 1-800-268-6060 must be notified.

5. If a well becomes contaminated, follow clean-up instructions in OMAF Factsheet, *Pesticide Contamination of Farm Water Supplies*, Agdex 607.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR PESTICIDE POISONING AND FIRST-AID INFORMATION**

**(See Back Cover)**

## RELATIVE TOXICITY TO APPLICATOR

### DEFINITIONS

**Lethal Dose 50% ($LD_{50}$)** The dose which when administered will kill 50% of the test animals within a stated period of time (i.e. 1 to 6 days).

**Acute Toxicity** Immediate adverse effects from a single or short period of exposure to a substance, either by the oral, dermal or inhalation route.

**Chronic Toxicity** Adverse effects resulting from repeated exposure to a substance over an extended period.

### High Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are extremely dangerous if handled carelessly. The acute oral $LD_{50}$ are less than 50 mg/kg of body weight and the acute dermal $LD_{50}$ less than 200 mg/kg body weight. These pesticides can be fatal on taking less than 0.1 to 3 mL (one drop to half a teaspoonful). These pesticides carry the skull and crossbones in a stop sign. In using these products a respirator and eye protection is required along with all other protective clothing.

azinphos methyl (Guthion)
carbofuran (Furadan)
disulfoton (Di-Syston)
endosulfan (Thiodan)
fensulfothion (Dasanit)
fonofos (Dyfonate II)
methomyl (Lannate)
phorate (Thimet)
terbufos (Counter)
terbufos + phorate (Cygard)

### Moderate Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are dangerous if handled carelessly. The acute oral $LD_{50}$ is 50 to 500 mg/kg of body weight and the acute dermal $LD_{50}$ is 200 to 2000 mg/kg body weight. These pesticides can be fatal on taking 3 to 30 mL (half a teaspoonful to 2 tablespoonfuls). These pesticides carry the skull and crossbones on a stop sign. In using these products a respirator is recommended when handling the concentrate.

chlorpyrifos (Lorsban)
deltamethrin (Decis)
diazonon (Basudin)
dimethoate (Cygon)
phosmet (Imidan)

### Low Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are not fatal unless deliberately ingested in amounts of over 30 mL (1 oz.). The acute oral $LD_{50}$ is greater than 500 mg/kg body weight and the acute dermal $LD_{50}$ greater than 2000 mg/kg body weight. Pesticides listed in this publication and not appearing in the lists in this section have low acute toxicities and should be handled with caution. Protective clothing is required. Respirators are advised when used in confined spaces. Eye protection is advisable.

### Chronic Toxicity

It is not possible to assess chronic toxicity of a pesticide in the same way as an $LD_{50}$ is used to determine acute toxicity. Instead, a number of tests are performed on animals which help predict whether a pesticide will cause a number of possible long-term effects. Animals are examined for a wide variety of toxic effects such as the production of tumors or abnormalities. Protective clothing and equipment is advisable to reduce exposure and the risk of chronic effects.

## BLOOD TESTS FOR THOSE APPLYING PESTICIDES

Organophosphorus and carbamate pesticides are capable of inactivating the serum and red blood cholinesterase levels. If the activity of the cholinesterase falls below a critical level, human poisoning can result as exhibited by fatigue, dizziness, nausea, trembling, blurred vision, difficulty in breathing and other symptoms.

For those working outdoors and applying these groups of pesticides, it is strongly recommended that cholinesterase levels be checked by your family doctor. To be of value, the tests should be commenced **before** using these pesticides and not after applications have commenced, since the normal level per individual can vary considerably, making it difficult to assess the degree of suppression. In this publication the primary insecticides of concern are:

azinphos-methyl (Guthion)
carbaryl (Sevin)
carbofuran (Furadan)
chlorpyrifos (Lorsban)
diazinon (Basudin)
dimethoate (Cygon)
disulfoton (Di-Syston)
fonofos (Dyfonate)
methomyl (Lannate)
phosmet (Imidan)
phorate (Thimet)
terbufos (Counter)
terbufos + phorate (Cygard)
trichlorfon (Dylox)

## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN USING PESTICIDES OUTDOORS

1. **Why Use Personal Protection?** Pesticide formulations vary in their toxicity from slightly to extremely poisonous. Once the pesticide is removed from the container, exposure occurs. The toxicity of the pesticide and the exposure to the user creates a hazard which varies from spray operation to spray operation. Both can be reduced, toxicity by dilution and exposure by protective clothing. The action taken by the applicator to reduce the hazard of a spray operation reduces the risk of poisoning. While the hazard of a situation remains, the risk can be reduced by the care and protection followed by the applicator. Wearing the required protective clothing reduces the risk.

2. **Risk of each stage in pesticide operation.**
   1) Handling and mixing concentrate — very high risk
   2) Rinsing empty containers — high risk
   3) Application outdoors — low to high risk
   4) Application indoors — medium to very high risk
   5) Clean-up, equipment rinsing — medium to high risk
   6) Reentry into treated area within 48 hours — low to medium risk

3. **Exposure can be by way of skin, eyes, mouth or nose.** Approximately 80-85% of the exposure in most spray operations is during mixing and loading of the concentrate. Field application usually accounts for 15-20% of the exposure. Skin exposure is usually 90 to 100% of the total exposure and around 70% of this is by way of the hands and forearms and 30% involves the rest of the body. Inhalation (nose and mouth) exposure is normally 0.1% but rises to 5-10% with mist blowers and air blast sprayers.

4. **To reduce skin (dermal) exposure,** wear impervious gloves (neoprene, rubber, etc.) and waterproof boots, along with coveralls, apron or spray suits and waterproof cap. Coveralls can be reusable or disposable. Reusable coveralls are normally cotton or polyester and should be tightly woven. Polyester is more easily penetrated than cotton. Disposable coveralls are polyethylene and can be laundered several times. Spray suits should be used in highly hazardous conditions as with mist blowers and air blast machines. Eye protection should be practised with all pesticide concentrates.

5. **Respirators are recommended** when handling pesticides with labels that call for respiratory protection and carry the warning stop sign with skull and crossbones. Respirators should be used when spraying all pesticides rated as high toxicity or when applying any liquified gas. Respirators are available as air purifiers or self-contained units. Respirators come in a wide range of shapes and sizes; consult the label and your nearest safety supply company for advice.

6. **Washing and laundering protective clothing**
   To keep your protective clothing and equipment functional, clean it thoroughly. Never allow children or pets to come into contact with contaminated clothing or equipment. To this end, launder clothing promptly, wash and store other items used for personal protection and rinse down spray equipment and store to prevent children playing on it. Here are some general guidelines for cleaning items used for personal protection.

   (1) **Fabric clothing** — If fabric clothing is saturated with the concentrate of a highly toxic pesticide, then discard the clothing. Remove the clothing carefully and immediately place in a plastic trash bag and dispose in a safe manner. Wear rubber, vinyl, or plastic gloves when handling severely contaminated clothing. Presoak and double launder clothes that may have been contaminated by a normal spray operation, preferably twice a day but at least at the end of the work day, following these guidelines:
   - prerinse clothing outdoors
   - presoak in a suitable container such as a large bucket or tub; or use the prewash cycle of an automatic washer, with detergent
   - wash contaminated clothing separately from all other clothing
   - prewash, solvent-based products have been found effective on EC formulations
   - wash clothes using hot water, the highest water level, and a regular hot super wash cycle
   - use heavy-duty liquid detergents for all pesticides and use adequate amounts (see laundry detergent box)
   - wash only a few contaminated garments at a time
   - use two complete wash cycles, each with a double rinse
   - after washing run another wash cycle with detergent and no clothing to decontaminate the washing machine
   - line dry to avoid a potential build-up of pesticide residue in the dryer

   (2) **Rubber, Vinyl, or Plastic Boots and Gloves** — To avoid getting pesticide on your hands, wash the outside of boots and gloves with detergent and water before removing. After removing boots and gloves, wash them inside and out with detergent and water, rinse thoroughly, and dry in a well-ventilated area.

   (3) **Chemical-Resistant Clothing, Goggles and Face Mask** — Wash plastic or rubber clothing and equipment with detergent and water, rinse thoroughly, and dry in a well-ventilated area.

   (4) **Respirators** — Discard cartridges, canisters and filter pads either: (1) when breathing becomes difficult, (2) when a pesticide odor is noticed, or (3) at the time interval specified by the manufacturer. Write the date the cartridge is first used. Wash the face piece in detergent and water, rinse it thoroughly, and dry it in a well-ventilated area. Never use alcohol or other solvents for cleaning — they will damage rubber and plastic.

7. **Consult the safety supply house** of your choice for appropriate guidance and selection of your protective clothing.

**Table 89. Safety Supply Companies in Ontario Providing Protective Clothing and/or Respiratory Devices for Outdoor Protection Against Certain Pesticides**

| Respiratory devices Manufactured by | Available From |
|---|---|
| American Optical | AOCO Limited, Subsidiary of American Optical Corporation, 80 Centurion Drive, Markham, L3Y 5Y5 Tel. (416) 479-4545<br>Branches: Hamilton & Belleville |
| H.S. Cover (York) | Levitt-Safety Ltd., 33 Laird Drive, Toronto, M4G 3S9 Tel. (416) 425-8700<br>Branches: Kitchener, London, Ottawa, Sarnia, Stoney Creek, Sudbury and Thunder Bay |
| Kasco Helmets | The St. George Co., St. George, RR1, N0E 1N0 Tel. (416) 442-2046 |
| Mine Safety Appliances | MSA Canada Inc., 148 Norfinch Drive, North York, M3N 1X8 Tel. (416) 667-9400 |
| 3M Canada Inc. Occupational and Environmental Safety Division | A wide range of Distributors Contact: P.O. Box 5757 London, N6A 4T1 Tel. (519) 451-2500 |
| North | Siebe-North Inc., 26 Dansk Court, Rexdale, M9W 5V8 Tel. (416) 675-2810 |
| Racal Airstream | Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, (Toronto) L4B 1E7 Tel. (416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111<br>Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor |
| Safety House | Safety House of Canada Ltd., 127 Castlefield Ave., Toronto, M6B 1G4 Tel. (416) 789-0631<br>Branches: Kitchener, London, Orillia, Ottawa, St. Catharines & Stoney Creek |
| Scott | Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, (Toronto) L4B 1E7 Tel. (416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111<br>Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor |
| Survivair | Levitt-Safety Ltd., 33 Laird Drive, Toronto, M4G 3S9 Tel. (416) 425-8700<br>Branches: Kitchener, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Stoney Creek, Sudbury and Thunder Bay |
| Willson | Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, (Toronto) L4B 1E7 Tel. (416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111<br>Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor |

Many of the companies listed above have dealer outlets in addition to branch outlets. For details of dealer outlets contact the supply company of your choice.

## REENTRY INTO TREATED AREAS

Pesticide poisoning may occur where workers enter fields too soon after pesticides have been applied. Such poisoning can result from handling treated plants or from inhalation of pesticide vapors.

The pesticides listed below are those for which a specific minimum interval must be observed from the time of application to the time of working in the crop. For some pesticides, e.g. parathion, the label carries a warning regarding working in treated crops. **Follow these recommendations.** Where no label warnings are provided, the following minimum intervals are recommended.

**24 Hours**
methomyl (Lannate)

**48 Hours**
azinphos-methyl (Guthion)
carbofuran (Furadan)

## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN USING PESTICIDES IN GRAIN STORAGES AND OTHER ENCLOSED AREAS

### Respiratory Protection — Available Devices

#### Air-Purifying Devices — Canister Gas Masks

Canister gas masks have been used effectively for many years by greenhouse applicators for respiratory protection against certain gases, vapors and particulate matter which otherwise might be harmful to life or health.

From a practical standpoint, canister gas masks are generally suitable for ventilated areas not subject to rapid change, but should never be used in confined spaces where oxygen deficiency and high gas concentrations may occur.

#### Self-contained Breathing Apparatus

In confined spaces where gas concentrations are unusually high, oxygen can be deficient and conditions can be fatal. Under these conditions, air purifying apparatus do not work. The applicator needs an air supply and this is provided by a self-contained breathing apparatus (e.g., Scott Air Pack). The use of substances that produce hydrogen cyanide, methyl bromide, chloropicrin, or phosphine can all produce high gas concentrations and oxygen deficiency as can smoke generators, foggers using highly toxic pesticides and some volatile sprays.

### Other Protective Clothing

Wear other protective clothing in keeping with requirement on the label.

### Working Conditions

#### Low Concentrations

Canister gas masks may be used when the ambient air contains low concentrations of toxic gases, vapors or particulate matter derived from soil-drench, granular, dust, or foliar spray applications. Pesticides applied in such manner are usually of moderate to low toxicity.

#### High Concentrations

Use only a self-contained breathing apparatus (e.g., Scott Air Pack) in the following instances when concentrations are produced. High concentration of toxic gases, vapors or particulate matter can be produced when dispensing extremely or highly toxic pesticides such as when fumigating grain. Contact your safety supply company for their recommendation.

## SPACE FUMIGANTS AND INSECTICIDE SMOKES

#### General

When using fumigants or insecticide smoke generators, wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin and inhalation exposure. After treatment lock the building where the extermination is being performed and post warning signs. Follow instructions on the product label regarding aeration of treated buildings, warehouses, grain storage bins or areas before permitting reentry. **BECOME FULLY AWARE OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS AND TOXIC PROPERTIES OF THE PESTICIDE YOU ARE USING.**

#### Fumigants

**Fumigants may only be applied by a licenced exterminator. Remove livestock and poultry that are in the same building, especially if they are under the grain bin.**

## STORAGE

1. **General Storage:**

   The Ontario Pesticides Act and Regulation 751 requires that all pesticides be kept out of the reach of children, irresponsible persons, pets and livestock. They should be stored in a locked facility away from food for humans and feed for animals. Herbicides should be stored separately from other pesticides to avoid possible contamination.

   **Special Storage:**

   Schedule 1, 2 and 5 pesticides must be stored in a storage facility which is ventilated to the outside atmosphere. A placard bearing the words "CHEMICAL STORAGE WARNING — AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY" in block capitals must be affixed to the outside of each entrance. Entry to the storage facility should only be made by the person responsible for the pesticide or with his permission.

2. **Always store pesticides in original containers and keep them tightly closed. Never put pesticides in unmarked containers.** See also OMAF Factsheet, *Farm Storage of Pesticides,* Agdex 607.

3. In areas where flooding has been a frequent occurrence, fertilizers and pesticides must be stored above the known highwater mark to avoid contamination of the flood waters. Contamination of water by these chemicals can and has led to serious health problems affecting humans and domestic animals as well as fish and wildlife.

## DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDE CONTAINERS & CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

1. All paper or cardboard pesticide containers or paper packaging material, or other paper material used to clean up spills should be buried or burned. Make sure that people and animals are kept away from the smoke, and that the smoke is not directed toward buildings, highways, roads, or outdoor public areas. Plastic material must not be burned.

2. Unrinsed containers can contain as much as 3% of the original formulation. If this amount of toxic pesticide is discarded with the container it could be dangerous to other people handling it, or to the environment (for example, your water supply). Failure to rinse is also wasteful — why not use that 3% for the purpose for which it was purchased, i.e. to control the pest!

3. Rinse all empty metal, plastic or glass containers three times with water and add washings to the spray tank. Or,

use a rinsing device. These rinsers can be used to puncture the bottom of a metal or plastic container and rinse the residue left in the container directly into the spray tank. This procedure takes less than a minute. The rinsed containers may be crushed, buried and covered by at least 50 cm of soil, away from any watercourse or water table, or disposed of at a landfill site.

4. Unwanted or contaminated pesticide product should be disposed of through TRICIL Environmental Management (**1-800-263-2432**), or by contacting the appropriate registrant to develop an alternative method acceptable to the Director under the Pesticides Act (**1-416-323-5095**).

## SPRAYERS

Herbicide sprayers, capable of delivering sufficient litres per hectare for adequate coverage, are satisfactory for applying emulsion-type insecticides. However, if 2,4-D or related herbicides have been used in them, such sprayers will have to be cleaned thoroughly or foliage is apt to be damaged. The detergent recommended should contain ammonia for best results.

For applying the wettable powder formulations, a high-capacity (450 L/ha), high-pressure piston pump sprayer with an agitator is recommended. Keep in mind that the higher the pressure the greater the danger of drift to other crops.

Calibrate your sprayer at least twice during the growing season. The wear on nozzles and other parts will alter the amount of spray delivered at the usual speed and pressure.

For information on calibration, see the current OMAF Publication 75, *Guide to Weed Control.*

## BAND SPRAYING OF INSECTICIDES

When banding insecticides apply the recommended rate over the strip of row you wish to treat. While banding does **not** result in a more concentrated spray mixture, it does allow one to cover more hectarage with the same amount of spray volume used in a broadcast application. For example, if one is treating only a third of the row width, one will be able to cover three times the hectarage when compared to a broadcast application.

## APPLICATION BY AIRPLANES OR HELICOPTERS

Aerial applicators must be licensed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to apply pesticides. In addition, permits are required from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment under the authority of The Pesticides Act for the application of Schedule 1 and 5 pesticides, and Schedule 2 hormone-type herbicides. The area will be inspected by ministry personnel to ensure safety of application.

It is an offense under the Federal Pest Control Product Act to use a control product under unsafe conditions. Precautionary practices must be heeded at all times to prevent drift. Extra precautions should be taken when using insecticides applied by air, especially those known to be toxic to honeybees.

Applications should not be made if the wind is blowing. Some drift occurs even on the stillest day and to keep it to a minimum, apply pesticides in the evening or early morning.

Be sure that the product to be used is specified, along with rate of application, in the contract.

## PESTICIDE DRIFT

Pesticide drift can leave unwanted residues on adjacent crops, be a hazard to people and livestock nearby, or reduce the amount of material in the target area as to be ineffective. Those applying pesticides should make every effort to minimize or prevent pesticide spray drift by paying attention to:

1. correct calibration and maintenance of spray equipment;
2. correct operation of the equipment;
3. being aware of the toxicity of the pesticide in use; and
4. being aware of the weather conditions.

For more information consult OMAF Factsheet, *Reducing Pesticide Drift and Crop Damage,* Agdex 607.

## PROTECT HONEYBEES

Honeybees as well as other bees and insects are important pollinators of several field crops including alfalfa, canola, clover, and trefoil. These pollinators are critical to maximizing seed production. Some crops such as canola and legumes are important sources of honey; while these crops and corn are important pollen sources for bees.

Insecticides, many of which kill bees, are required for insect control. With careful management, you can obtain good insect control without killing bees. You can protect bees by following these suggestions:

1. Do not apply insecticides while crops are in bloom.
2. Time of treatment is important. In general, daytime treatments, when bees are foraging in the field, are most hazardous. Insecticides applied in the very early mornings or evenings are safest.
3. If there is a risk of honeybees poisoning, try to choose an insecticide that is not highly toxic to the bees (use the pesticide rating in Table 90).

**WHEN PLANNING TO APPLY A PESTICIDE, ADVISE LOCAL BEEKEEPERS SO THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE COLONIES OUT OF THE DANGER AREA. YOUR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS A LISTING OF THE BEEKEEPERS IN YOUR AREA.**

**Table 90. Pesticide Toxicity to Bees**

**Extremely Toxic**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Furadan | Sevin | |

Growers and apiarists require close liaison where these materials are used.

**Highly Toxic**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ambush | diazinon | Lorsban |
| Cygon | Guthion | malathion |
| Cymbush | Imidan | Ripcord |
| Decis | | |

Severe losses may be expected if these materials are used when bees are present at treatment time or within a few days thereafter.

**Moderately Toxic**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dylox | Lannate | Thiodan |

These can be used around bees if dosages, timing, and methods of application are correct, but should not be applied directly on bees, in the field or at the colonies.

**Relatively Non-Toxic**

All the fungicides

## RESIDUES ON CROPS TO BE HARVESTED, FED OR GRAZED

Certain pesticide residues disappear quickly after application; others persist in poisonous form for much longer periods. When crops with persistent residues are fed to livestock the poisons tend to accumulate in the body fat and milking cows will excrete them, or their metabolic products in the milk. Young calves, heifers, and dry cows will store these in body fat and secrete them when they freshen months later. Do not use residues from Thiodan-treated crops for bedding. To avoid residue problems, use (1) the proper chemical, (2) the recommended dosage, and (3) observe the proper interval to harvest.

## FORMULATIONS

Pesticides may be in either liquid or solid form.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Liquids | E or EC | — Emulsifiable Concentrate |
| | F | — Flowable |
| | L | — Liquid |
| | LC | — Liquid Concentrate |
| | SC | — Sprayable Concentrate |
| | Su | — Suspension |
| Solids | G | — Granular |
| | P | — Powder |
| | SP | — Soluble Powder |
| | WP | — Wettable Powder |
| | W | — Wettable |

## NEW PACKAGING METHOD AVAILABLE

To simplify disposal of empty pesticide packages, the industry has re-introduced a soluble package which dissolves in the tank of the farm sprayer. Water-soluble packaging under the names of SOLUPAK, SOLUBAGS, SOLUPOUCH or TOSS ' N GO will become more common for dry flowable and wettable powder formulation of pesticides.

In the majority of cases, the water-soluble packaging material is PVA (poly vinyl alcohol). This material dissolves completely when added **according to instructions** to the water in the sprayer tank.

The following precautions and instructions regarding handling, mixing and compatibility must be followed for satisfactory use.

### Handling

1. Do not allow water-soluble pouches to become wet prior to adding to the sprayer tank.
2. Do not handle the water-soluble pouches with wet hands or wet gloves.
3. Do not remove water-soluble pouches from the overwrap (outer package) except when adding directly to the sprayer tank.
4. Always reseal the overwrap bag (outer package of non-soluble material) to protect the remaining pouches from any moisture.

### Mixing

1. After sprayer tank is one-quarter full of water (and the agitator is running) add the water-soluble pouches to the tank.
2. Depending on the water temperature and the degree of agitation, these pouches should dissolve completely within five minutes.
3. As tank continues to fill, add any other additional compatible pesticides.

### Compatibility

1. Do not add any other pesticide which is not compatible with the PVA packaging material.
2. The PVA material is **not** soluble with summer-type oils (e.g., Superior Oil).
3. Do not combine with the pouches, any material containing boron (e.g., "Solubor"), chelated micronutrients or water-soluble fertilizers because these compounds are not compatible with PVA film. The combination of chemicals with PVA film is likely to cause a sticky, insoluble substance in the tank.
4. After applying boron, chelated micronutrients or water-soluble fertilizers, completely empty and rinse the spray tank before using any product packaged in PVA.

Read all labels and instructions carefully; for more details contact your farm chemical dealer.

## SEED TREATMENTS

Seed dressings or treatments are poisonous to man and livestock. Do not inhale the fumes or dust when treating or handling treated seed. Wash all residues of these chemicals from the skin after seed treatment is completed. Chemically treated seed is poisonous. Never feed surplus seed to livestock. Destroy all bags that have held treated seed as recommended in the container disposal section above.

**Table 91. Seed Treatments**

| Trade Name | Active Ingredient | Formulation[1] | Ontario Schedule[2] |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Fungicides** | | | |
| Agrox N-M | maneb | P(DB) | 3 |
| Agrox flowable | maneb | F | 3 |
| Anchor | carbathiin + thiram | F(DB) | 3 |
| Busan 30 | TCMTB | EC | 2 |
| Captan Flowable | captan | F | 2 |
| Co-op N M | maneb | P(DB) | 3 |
| Vitaflo-250 | carbathiin | F | 3 |
| Vitaflo-280 | carbathiin + thiram | F | 3 |
| Vitavax Powder | carbathiin + thiram | P(DB) | 3 |
| **Fungicides with Insecticides** | | | |
| Agrox B-3 | diazinon + lindane + captan | P(DB) | 2 |
| Agrox D-L Plus | diazinon + lindane + captan | P(DB) | 2 |
| Co-op D-L + C | diazinon + lindane + captan | P(DB) | 2 |
| Captan 30-Methoxychlor 3 | captan + methoxychlor | F | 2 |
| Co-op N M Dual Purpose | maneb + lindane | P(DB) | 3 |
| DCT | diazinon + captan + thiophanate-methyl | P(DB) | 3 |
| Drillbox D-L + C | diazinon + lindane + captan | P(DB) | 2 |
| Drillbox Lindasan | captan + lindane | P(DB) | 2 |
| Mergamma N-M | maneb + lindane | P(DB) | 2 |
| Methoxychlor 3 (flowable) | captan + methoxychlor | F | 2 |
| Polyram-Diazinon | diazinon + metiram | P | 3 |
| Premiere Flowable | thiabendazole + thiram + lindane | F | 2 |
| Rovral ST | iprodione + lindane | F | 2 |
| Vitaflo Dual Purpose | carbathiin + thiram + lindane | F | 2 |
| Vitavax Dual Powder | carbathiin + thiram + lindane | P(DB) | 2 |
| Vitavax RS Flowable | carbathiin + thiram + lindane | P(DB) | 2 |

[1]*EC (Emulsifiable Concentrate); F (Flowable); P (Powder); DB (Drill Box Application).*

[2]*The numbers identify the Schedules in which the TRADE NAME products listed in this Table are classified under the Pesticides Act. See Table 93 for explanation of schedules.*

**Table 92. Fungicides**

| Trade Name & Formulation (active ingredient) | Fungicide Classification | Days to Harvest | Relative Toxicities | Aerial Application | Distributors | Use and Remarks | Ontario Schedule[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bayleton 50 WP (triadimefon) | triazole | 60 | Low | No | Van Waters & Rogers | hard red, soft white winter wheat | 1 |
| Benlate 50 WP (benomyl) | benzimidazole | 14 | Low | Yes | Bartlett<br>U.A.P.<br>Van Waters & Rogers | field beans | 3 |
| Botran 75 W (dichloran) | nitroaniline | 2 | Low | Yes | U.A.P. | field beans | 3 |
| Dithane M45 (mancozeb) | dithiocarbamate | 40 | Low | Yes | Bartlett<br>U.A.P. | spring and winter wheat | 3 |
| Easout, 70% WP (thiophanate-methyl) | benzimidazole | 14 | Low | Yes | Ciba-Geigy | field beans | 3 |
| Rovral, 50% WP (iprodione) | dicarboximide | 14 | Low | Yes | Bartlett<br>Rhone Poulenc<br>UCO | field beans | 3 |
| Tilt 250E (propiconazole) | triazole | 45 | Low | No | Ciba-Geigy | wheat and spring barley | 5 |

*W or WP (Wettable Powder); E (Emulsifiable Concentrate).*

*[1] The Numbers identify the Schedules in which the* TRADE NAME *products listed in this Table are classified under the Pesticide Act. See Table 93 for explanation of schedules.*

**Table 93. Explanation of Schedules, Provincial Classification of Pesticides**

| Ontario Schedule | Explanation of Schedule |
|---|---|
| Schedule 1 | Restricted. Use permit only. |
| Schedule 2 | Restricted to agriculturalists, licenced exterminators and registered custom sprayers. |
| Schedule 3 | May be available for "Domestic" purposes if so registered. |
| Schedule 4 | "Domestic" products only. |
| Schedule 5 | Limited to application by an agriculturist. |
| Schedule 6 | Similar to schedule 4 but may be registered for agricultural/commercial use. |

For further information on the regulatory aspects of the classification, please contact the Ministry of the Environment office nearest you.

**Table 94. Insecticides**

| Trade Name & Formulation (active ingredient) | Insecticide Classification | Days to Harvest | Relative Toxicities | Aerial Application | Distributors | Use and Remarks | Ontario Schedule[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ambush 500 EC (permethrin) | pyrethroid | Not after 5-leaf stage | Moderate | No | ICI Chipman UCO | Corn | 3 |
| Bactospiene (*bacillus thuringiensis)* | Bacterial toxin | 0 | Low | Yes | Bartlett U.A.P. | Seed Corn | 3 |
| Basudin 50 W (diazinon) | organo-phosphorus | 14 | Moderate | Yes | Ciba-Geigy | Alfalfa, corn, field beans, peas. Toxic to bees. | 2 |
| Counter 15 G, 5G (terbufos) | organo-phosphorus | planting time only | Extreme | No | Cyanamid | Corn, Canola | 5 |
| Cygard 15-G (terbufos + phorate) | organo-phosphorus | planting time only | Extreme | No | Cyanamid | Corn | 5 |
| Cygon 480 E (dimethoate) | organo-phosphorus | 2 Alfalfa 7 Beans | Moderate | Yes | Bartlett ICI Chipman Cyanamid UCO | Alfalfa, field beans. Toxic to bees. | 2 |
| Cymbush 250 EC (cypermethrin) | pyrethroid | 30 Canola 5 Corn | Moderate | No | ICI Chipman UCO | Corn, Canola | 2 |
| Decis 2.5 EC (deltamethrin) | pyrethroid | 14 | Moderate | No | Hoechst | Canola | 2 |
| Dipel SC (*Bacillus thuringiensis)* | Bacterial toxin | 0 | Low | Yes | Wilbur-Ellis | Timothy | 3 |
| Di-Syston 15 G, 720 LC (disulfoton) | organo-phosphorus | planting time only | Extreme | No | Niagara U.A.P. Van Waters & Rogers | Corn | 5 |
| Dyfonate II 20 G (fonofos) | organo-phosphorus | planting time only | Extreme | No | ICI Chipman UCO, U.A.P. Cargill | Corn | 5 |
| Dylox 80% SP, 420 Liquid (trichlorfon) | organo-phosphorus | 21 | Low | Yes | U.A.P. | Canola, cereals. Relatively safe to bees. | 3 |
| Furadan 10 G, CR-10 G (carbofuran) | carbamate | planting time only | Extreme | No | Bartlett UCO Van Waters & Rogers | Corn, Canola | 2 |
| Furadan 480F (carbofuran) | carbamate | 60 Canola 7 Alfalfa | Extreme | Yes Permit Required | U.A.P. | canola, alfalfa. Toxic to bees. | 5 |

*(Continued on Page 82)*

Table 94. Insecticides (cont.)

| Trade Name & Formulation (active ingredient) | Insecticide Classification | Days to Harvest | Relative Toxicities | Aerial Application | Distributors | Use and Remarks | Ontario Schedule[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guthion 240 SC<br>Guthion Solupak 50 WP<br>(azinphos-methyl) | organo-phosphorus | 3 Beans<br>21 Alfalfa<br>30 Grain | Extreme | Yes<br>Permit Required | Bartlett<br>U.A.P. | Field beans, soybeans.<br>Toxic to bees. | 5 |
| Imidan 50 WP<br>(phosmet) | organo-phosphorus | 7 | Moderate | Yes | Bartlett<br>ICI Chipman | Alfalfa.<br>Toxic to bees. | 3 |
| Lannate L.<br>(methomyl) | carbamate | 21 | Extreme | Yes | U.A.P.<br>Van Waters & Rogers | Grain | 2 |
| Lorsban 4 E, 15 G<br>(chlorpyrifos) | organo-phosphorus | 70 | Moderate | Yes<br>Permit Required | U.A.P. | Corn | 2, 3 |
| Malathion 500 EC,<br>(malathion) | organo-phosphorus | 7 | Low | Yes | Bartlett<br>U.A.P.<br>UCO | Alfalfa, grain crops, field beans, soybeans.<br>Toxic to bees.<br>Less effective below 16°C | 3 |
| Ripcord 400 EC<br>(cypermethrin) | pyrethroid | 30 | Moderate | No | Ciba-Geigy | Canola, Corn | 2 |
| Sevin XLR PLUS<br>480 Su<br>(carbaryl) | carbamate | 5 Beans<br>2 Alfalfa<br>14 Cereals | Moderate | Yes | Niagara<br>UCO | Alfalfa, cereals, beans, corn, canola | 3 |
| Thimet 15 G<br>(phorate) | organo-phosphorus | planting time only | Extreme | No | Cyanamid | Corn | 2 |
| Thiodan 4 EC<br>(endosulfan) | organo chlorine | 2 | Moderate | Yes | Hoechst<br>U.A.P., UCO | Field beans, soybeans.<br>Toxic to bees. | 2 |
| Thuricide HPC<br>(*Bacillus thuringiensis*) | Bacterial toxin | 0 | Low | Yes | Sandoz | Timothy | 3 |

[1]*The numbers identify the Schedules in which the TRADE NAME products listed in this Table are classified under the Pesticides Act. See Table 93 for explanation of schedules.*

**Table 95. Distributors of Pesticides Recommended in Publication 296**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bartlett Inc.<br>931 Bartlett Road<br>Beamsville, Ont. L0R 1B0 | 416-563-8261 | Sandoz Agro Canada Inc.<br>Suite 302, Plaza 4<br>2000 Argentia Rd.<br>Mississauga, Ont. L5N 1W1 | 416-821-7850 |
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| Cyanamid Canada Inc.<br>88 McNabb St.<br>Markham, Ont. L3R 6E6 | 416-470-3600 | United Cooperatives of Ontario<br>P.O. Box 527, Station A<br>Mississauga, Ont. L5A 3A4 | 416-890-8500 |
| Hoechst Canada Inc.<br>1255 Balmoral Rd.<br>Cambridge, Ont. N1R 5Y2 | 519-622-0410 | Van Waters & Rogers<br>1020 Hargrieve Road, Unit D<br>London, Ont. N6E 1P5 | 519-668-3007 |
| ICI Chipman<br>400 Jones Road, P.O. Box 9910<br>Stoney Creek, Ont. L8G 3Z1 | 416-643-4123 | Wilbur-Ellis Co. Can. Ltd.<br>75 Bessemer Rd.<br>London, Ont. N6E 1P9 | 519-686-1188 |
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## SEEDING INFORMATION

| Crop | Seeding Rate kg/ha | Seed Weight kg/hl | Seed Weight lb/bu |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat (Winter & Spring) | 100-130 | 75 | 60 |
| Oats | 60-110 | 42 | 34 |
| Barley (Winter & Spring) | 80-160 | 60 | 48 |
| Rye | 70-95 | 70 | 56 |
| Triticale | 75-100 | 65 | 52 |
| Corn (Field) | 11-22 | 70 | 56 |
| White Beans (70 cm rows) | 40-45 | 75 | 60 |
| Soybeans | 65-155 | 75 | 60 |
| Peas (Field) | 130-200 | 75 | 60 |
| Buckwheat | 55 | 60 | 48 |
| Flax | 40 | 70 | 56 |
| Canola (Spring & Winter) | 4-5 | 62 | 50 |
| Millet (Proso) | 40 | 70 | 56 |
| Sunflower, oilseed | 4 | 34 | 27 |
| stripes | 6 | 30 | 24 |
| Mustard (Yellow) | 8-11 | 70 | 56 |
| Sudangrass | 14 | 50 | 40 |
| Sorghum | 14 | 70 | 56 |
| Annual canarygrass | 35 | 62 | 50 |

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*Corn Production* — Publication 13
*Ontario Hybrid Corn Performance Trials Report*

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## SOYBEANS

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*Report, Ontario Soybean Variety Trials*

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141/632 *Virus Diseases of Soybeans*
141/745 *Measuring Soybean Harvesting Losses*
141/840 *Pricing and Marketing Soybeans*

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*Alfalfa* — Publication 59
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*Pasture Grasses Identified* — Publication 204
*Red Clover for Feed, Seed and Soil* — Publication 221

**Factsheets:**

120/81 *Protein Supplements from Forage Legumes*
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## CEREAL GRAINS

*Insects in Farm Stored Grain* — Publication 229
*Regional Test Report Barley, Oats, and Wheat,* Department of Crop Science, University of Guelph

**Factsheets:**

100/531 *Manganese In Soybean and Small Grain Production*
110/632 *Yellow Dwarf of Cereals*
110/717 *Grain Aeration*
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607 *Storing Pesticides on the Farm*
607 *Pesticide Contamination of Farm Water Supplies*
607 *Pesticide Container Rinsing*
607 *Guide to Handling & Applying Herbicide to Protect Water Supplies & Reduce Personal Injury*
607 *Reducing Pesticide Drift and Crop Damage*

## HERBICIDES AND WEEDS

*Guide to Weed Control* — Publication 75
*Ontario Weeds* — Publication 505 Price $5.00

**Factsheets:**

640 *Cocklebur*
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642 *Coltsfoot*
642 *Jerusalem Articoke*
642 *Pigweeds (Redroot, Green and Smooth)*
642 *Wild Mustard*
642 *Wirestem Muhly*
130/643 *Common Weeds Poisonous to Grazing Livestock*
647 *Poison Ivy*
744 *Field Sprayer Calibration*
744 *Flat-Fan Nozzle Tips for Field Weed Sprayers*

## AVAILABLE FROM ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT FIELD OFFICES

*Personal Protective Equipment for Pesticide Users*
*Chemical Safety Handbook*
*Pesticides Act and Regulations*
*Chemical Storage Signs*

## AVAILABLE FROM CANADIAN SEED GROWERS ASSOCIATION, BOX 8455, OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1G 3T1

*Pedigreed Forage Seed Production*
*Rogues and Roguing Cereal Crops*

## AVAILABLE FROM COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, AGRICULTURE CANADA, OTTAWA K1A 0C7

*Growing and Managing Alfalfa in Canada* — Publication 1705E
*Ergot of Grains and Grasses* — Publication 1438E

# METRIC INFORMATION

## THE METRIC SYSTEM

### Linear Measures (length)

10 millimetres (mm) = 1 centimetre (cm)
100 centimetres (cm) = 1 metre (m)
1000 metres = 1 kilometre (km)

### Square Measures (area)

100 m × 100 m = 10,000 $m^2$ = 1 hectare (ha)
100 ha = 1 square kilometre ($km^2$)

### Cubic Measures (volume)

*Dry Measure*

1000 cubic millimetres ($mm^3$) = 1 cubic centimetre ($cm^3$)
1,000,000 $cm^3$ = 1 cubic metre ($m^3$)

*Liquid Measure*

1000 millilitres (mL) = 1 litre (L)
100 L = 1 hectolitre (hL)

### Weight-Volume Equivalents (for water)

(1.00 kg) 1000 grams = 1 litre (1.00 L)
(0.50 kg) 500 g = 500 mL (0.50 L)
(0.10 kg) 100 g = 100 mL (0.10 L)
(0.01 kg) 10 g = 10 mL (0.01 L)
(0.001 kg) 1 g = 1 mL (0.001 L)

### Weight Measures

100 milligrams (mg) = 1 gram (g)
1000 g = 1 kilogram (kg)
1000kg = 1 tonne (t)
1 mg/kg = 1 part per million (ppm)

*Dry-Liquid Equivalents*

1 $cm^3$ = 1 mL
1 $m^3$ = 1000 L

## APPROXIMATE APPLICATION RATE CONVERSIONS

### Metric to Imperial

| | |
|---|---|
| litres per hectare × 0.09 | = gallons per acre |
| litres per hectare × 0.36 | = quarts per acre |
| litres per hectare × 0.71 | = pints per acre |
| millilitres per hectare × 0.015 | = fluid ounces per acre |
| grams per hectare × 0.015 | = ounces per acre |
| kilograms per hectare × 0.89 | = pounds per acre |
| tonnes per hectare × 0.45 | = tons per acre |

### Imperial to Metric

| | |
|---|---|
| gallons per acre × 11.23 | = litres per hectare (L/ha) |
| quarts per acre × 2.8 | = litres per hectare (L/ha) |
| pints per acre × 1.4 | = litres per hectare (L/ha) |
| fluid ounces per acre × 70 | = millilitres per hectare (mL/ha) |
| tons per acre × 2.24 | = tonnes per hectare (t/ha) |
| pounds per acre × 1.12 | = kilograms per hectare (kg/ha) |
| ounces per acre × 70 | = grams per hectare (g/ha) |

### Dry-Weight Equivalents

| Grams or Kilograms per Hectare | Approximate Ounces or Pounds per Acre |
|---|---|
| 100 grams | = 1½ ounces |
| 200 grams | = 3 ounces |
| 300 grams | = 4¼ ounces |
| 500 grams | = 7 ounces |
| 700 grams | = 10 ounces |
| 1.10 kilograms | = 1 pound |
| 1.50 kilograms | = 1¼ pounds |
| 2.00 kilograms | = 1¾ pounds |
| 2.50 kilograms | = 2¼ pounds |
| 3.25 kilograms | = 3 pounds |
| 4.00 kilograms | = 3½ pounds |
| 5.00 kilograms | = 4½ pounds |
| 6.00 kilograms | = 5¼ pounds |
| 7.50 kilograms | = 6¾ pounds |
| 9.00 kilograms | = 8 pounds |
| 11.00 kilograms | = 10 pounds |
| 13.00 kilograms | = 11½ pounds |
| 15.00 kilograms | = 13½ pounds |

### Liquid Equivalents

| Litres/Hectare | Approximate Gallons/Acre |
|---|---|
| 50 | = 5 |
| 100 | = 10 |
| 150 | = 15 |
| 200 | = 20 |
| 250 | = 25 |
| 300 | = 30 |

# CONVERSION TABLES

## METRIC TO IMPERIAL

**Length**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 millimetre (mm) | = 0.04 inch |
| 1 centimetre (cm) | = 0.40 inche |
| 1 metre (m) | = 39.40 inches |
| 1 metre (m) | = 3.28 feet |
| 1 metre | = 1.09 yards |
| 1 kilometre | = 0.62 mile |

**Volume (liquid)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 millilitre (mL) | = 0.035 fluid ounce |
| 1 litre (L) | = 1.76 pints |
| 1 litre (L) | = 0.88 quart |
| 1 litre (L) | = 0.22 gallon (Imperial) |
| 1 litre (L) | = 0.26 gallon (U.S.) |

**Weight**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 gram (g) | = 0.035 ounce |
| 1 kilogram (kg) | = 2.21 pounds |
| 1 tonne (t) | = 1.10 short tons |
| 1 tonne (t) | = 2205 pounds |

**Pressure**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 kilopascal (kPa) | = 0.15 pounds/square inch |

**Area**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 square centimetre ($cm^2$) | = 0.16 square inch |
| 1 square metre ($m^2$) | = 10.77 square feet |
| 1 square metre ($m^2$ | = 1.20 square yards |
| 1 square kilometre ($km^2$) | = 0.39 square mile |
| 1 hectare (ha) | = 107,636 square feet |
| 1 hectare (ha) | = 2.5 acres |

**Volume (dry)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 cubic centimetre ($cm^3$) | = 0.061 cubic inch |
| 1 cubic metre ($m^3$) | = 1.31 cubic yards |
| 1 cubic metre ($m^3$) | = 35.31 cubic feet |
| 1000 cubic metres ($m^3$) | = 0.81 acre-foot |
| 1 hectolitre (hL) | = 2.8 bushels |

**Speed**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 metre per second | = 3.28 feet per second |
| 1 metre per second | = 2.24 miles per hour |
| 1 kilometre per hour | = 0.62 mile per hour |

**Temperature**

°F = (°C × 9/5) + 32
°C = (°F -32) × 5/9

## IMPERIAL TO METRIC

**Length**

| | |
|---|---|
| inch | = 2.54 cm |
| foot | = 0.30 m |
| yard | = 0.91 m |
| mile | = 1.61 km |

**Area**

| | |
|---|---|
| square foot | = 0.09 $m^2$ |
| square yard | = 0.84 $m^2$ |
| acre | = 0.40 ha |

**Weight**

| | |
|---|---|
| ounce | = 28.35 g |
| pound | = 453.6 g |
| ton | = 0.91 tonne |

**Volume (dry)**

| | |
|---|---|
| cubic yard | = 0.76 $m^3$ |
| bushel | = 36.37 L |

**Volume (liquid)**

| | |
|---|---|
| fluid ounce (Imp.) | = 28.41 mL |
| pint (Imp.) | = 0.57 L |
| gallon (Imp.) | = 4.55 L |
| gallon (U.S.) | = 3.79 L |

**Pressure**

| | |
|---|---|
| pound per square inch | = 6.90 kPa |

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# FIELD CROP RECOMMENDATIONS



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Ontario Field Bean Committee
Ontario Forage Crops Committee
Ontario Oil and Protein Seed Crops Committee
Ontario Soil Management Research Committee

## EMERGENCY AND FIRST-AID PROCEDURES FOR PESTICIDE POISONING

Become familiar with the chemicals you are using. Keep a list of common names in case of accidents or emergencies. This information can be found on the product labels and cross-referenced in this publication.

If a pesticide has come in contact with the skin or has been spilled on clothing, remove the clothing and wash the skin thoroughly with soap and warm water.

If a pesticide has come in contact with the eyes, rinse them with plenty of clean water.

If a person suspects poisoning from exposure to a pesticide by swallowing, inhalation, or contact with skin or eyes, read the label on the pesticide container and carry out the first-aid treatment suggested.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST-AID TREATMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN, WRAP THE PATIENT IN A COAT OR BLANKET AND RUSH HIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL. TAKE THE LIST OF CHEMICAL COMMON NAMES WITH YOU AND IDENTIFY THE ONES BEING USED.

IF A PERSON IS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS OR LAPSES INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY.

EMERGENCY ADVICE ON PESTICIDE POISONING IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE POISON INFORMATION CENTRES. THE NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED UNDER EMERGENCY CALLS AT THE FRONT OF EACH BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:

MY LOCAL POISON INFORMATION CENTRE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS _____.

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